

Soviet envoy briefs Sheikh Isa

BAHRAIN (AP) — The Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Tuesday received the Soviet ambassador to Kuwait, who apparently was seeking to pave the way for the first visit to the country by a high-level Kremlin official, Bahrain, like neighboring Saudi Arabia and Qatar, has no diplomatic relations with Moscow. The Gulf News Agency said the envoy, Ernest Zverev, told the Emir of Moscow's "desire" to brief him on last month's U.S.-Soviet summit and Soviet views on efforts to end the Iran-Iraq and Arab-Israeli conflict. Later in the day, the Soviet ambassador was received by Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and then had a separate meeting with the foreign minister. The Gulf News Agency quoted Zverev as affirming to the prime minister "the depth of the strong bonds that link the Soviet Union to the Arab states and the states of the Arabian Gulf." Zverev also affirmed the Soviet government's "continuing efforts" to establish peace in the region, the agency reported.

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Rifai confers with U.S. delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Tuesday held talks with a delegation representing the U.S. Council for Arab-American Affairs. The delegation includes former Treasury Secretary David Kennedy and renowned heart surgeon Russel Nelson. Rifai reviewed with the delegation the council's activities in support of Arab causes and in boosting ties between the U.S. and the Arab world in economy, culture, tourism and education. Earlier, Rifai met with Jordan Bar Association President Hussein Mujalli and discussed issues related to the association and its members. In another meeting, Rifai held talks with the board of the Jordan Press Association headed by Rakan Majali and discussed matters pertaining to the association and heard the association's views over improving journalism work in the country. Rifai also met Mooday with the Kuwaiti charge d'affaires in Jordan.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

France denies recalling carrier

PARIS (AP) — The French Defence Ministry Tuesday denied reports that the aircraft carrier Clemenceau had returned to France after an 11-month stint in the Gulf region as part of a build-up of Western navies there. There were reports Monday that the Clemenceau was pulled out of the Arabian Sea and returned home as part of a French-Iranian agreement to restore diplomatic relations. "Information concerning the return to France of the aircraft carrier Clemenceau, now deployed in the Indian Ocean, ...are without foundation," read a Defence Ministry statement.

U.S. envoy visits Oman

MUSCAT (R) — U.S. envoy Richard Murphy met Omani Deputy Foreign Minister Haimtham bin Taimour Tuesday to discuss the Iran-Iraq war and Middle East peace efforts, the Oman News Agency said. The U.S. assistant secretary of state, on the fourth leg of a tour which has taken him to Saudi Arabia, North Yemen and the United Arab Emirates, is also due to visit Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

Sultan postpones visit to Britain

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz has postponed an official visit to Britain for health reasons, the Saudi News Agency (SPA) reported Tuesday. Crown Prince Abdullah returned home Sunday from a visit to Britain and Ireland.

Moscow backs freedom of choice for Jews

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Tuesday that Moscow agreed with the United States in opposing Israeli moves to make Soviet Jewish emigres settle in Israel. The Israeli government voted Sunday to take steps to ensure that Soviet Jews issued with Israeli visas went straight to Israel, instead of to the United States and other countries. Gerasimov told a news conference that although Israel's intentions were still unclear, Moscow supported the stand taken by U.S. State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley. "Our position is in line with the position of Mrs. Oakley," he said. "She said that if we stand in favour of freedom of movement, we cannot dictate to people where they are to go."

Khomeini meets designated successor

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had talks Tuesday with the man named to succeed him when he dies, Tehran Radio reported. The radio said Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, visited Khomeini to discuss "various affairs of the country." It gave no details. Last week, Britain's Channel Four television quoted Iranian exiles in Paris as saying Khomeini, 65, was dead.

Khaddam, Hoss review Beirut situation

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian and Lebanese leaders had two hours of talks in Damascus Tuesday in which they discussed the situation in Beirut, officials said. The officials said Lebanon's acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss and Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam also discussed the outcome of this month's Arab summit in Algiers.

Moscow: Soviet PoWs may be in U.S.

MOSCOW (R) — The head of the Soviet Red Cross said Tuesday that some Soviet soldiers taken prisoner by Afghan rebels were being held in the United States and Canada. Dmitry Benediktov told a news conference that Moscow did not have exact figures on the number of Soviet prisoners of war in Afghan rebel hands. "There is information that certain PoWs can be found in third countries including Iran, the United States and Canada," Benediktov said. He said the Soviet Red Cross had asked for information to help find them.

Nagorno-Karabakh repeats demand

MOSCOW (R) — The regional council of Nagorno-Karabakh repeated Tuesday its call for incorporating the tense Transcaucasian region into neighbouring Armenia as thousands demonstrated to back the demand. The council voted to reaffirm its decision of Feb. 20 calling for unification with Armenia, an employee at the local newspaper Sovetsky Karabakh in the regional capital of Stepanakert told Reuters by telephone. Outside, crowds of people gathered on the city's main square to support the appeal (See related story on page 8).

N. Korean premier blasts U.S.

NICOSIA (R) — North Korean Prime Minister Li Gun-Mo Tuesday condemned U.S. "aggressive moves" against Iran and pledged solidarity with Iran's Islamic revolution, Tehran Radio reported. "Our nation and government will always stand by your people and revolution," it quoted Li as saying in a meeting with Iran's Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. The radio said Rafsanjani expressed hope that Iran and North Korea would expand their cooperation. Western military analysts say North Korea has supplied Iran with weapons, including Chinese-made Silkworm missiles. Pyongyang denies this.

Court rejects Davison's appeal

LONDON (R) — A British member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) serving a life sentence in a Cyprus prison had his application to be transferred to a British jail turned down Tuesday. Ian Davison, who was convicted with two Palestinians in 1986 for the killing of three Israelis on a yacht in Larnaca harbour, was refused leave in London's high court to challenge a decision by the home secretary not to bring him home.

Bofors directors formally charged

STOCKHOLM (R) — Four former directors of the scandal-ridden Swedish ordnance firm AB Bofors were charged Tuesday with smuggling millions of dollars worth of arms to blacklisted countries. Prosecutor Folke Ljungwall said sufficient evidence had been unearthed after a four-year probe to bring smuggling charges against two former managing directors, an ex-sales director and a former export director.

Greece detains Arab with explosives

ATHENS (AP) — Greek police Monday arrested an Arab who drove a car containing weapons and explosives abroad an Israel-bound passenger ferry, the vessel's owner said Tuesday. The shipowner, Ilias Trochidis, said the explosives were located in a routine check shortly before the 3,985-ton Paloma was due to leave Athens' port of Piraeus carrying 400 passengers and 100 crewmembers. "The guy was asleep in his cabin when they were found. He said he'd just bought the car and didn't know anything about the explosives," he added. Trochidis identified the Arab as Omar Sofirni and said he carried a West German passport.

4 sentenced to death for murder, robbery

By Ahmad Kreishan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Four members of a seven-member group charged with killing four citizens and committing a number of robberies in the country was sentenced to death by a military court in Amman Tuesday.

The verdict, summing up a week-long trial, said that Fayez Saleh Salhi Abdul Aziz, Hayel Abdul Halim Mahmud Al Sali, Faisal Ali Mustafa Al Sali and Muhammad Ahmad Mustafa Al Sali would be hanged to death for their part in the killing of four citizens and complicity in stealing JD 19,000 from a military vehicle earlier this year.

The fifth and sixth defen-



The four who were sentenced to death by the military court Tuesday (Photo by Youssef Al 'Allan)

dants Khaled Abdul Rahim Abdul Hadi Al Jadou and Hussein Abdul Hadi Al Tawahin — were sentenced to 10 years in prison with hard labour and the seventh defendant, Mustafa Salhi Abdul Aziz, was sentenced to two years with hard labour and a fine of JD 50.

Following the announcement of the verdict, Military Prosecutor General Major General

Tayseer Shashaa said Jordanian courts would never be lenient with criminals or those tampering with law and order. He paid tribute to those who helped uncover the seven-member group and conducted investigations.

Shashaa described the group's crimes as the most heinous ever committed in Jordan.

Jordan rejects Israeli report

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan has categorically denied an Israeli radio report that the Jordanian ambassador to Belgium was allegedly supposed to have attended a meeting with Israeli parliamentarians and denounced the report as part of Israel's anti-Jordanian campaign.

The denial was made by a spokesman for the Ministry of Information following the radio report Monday which said that the allegedly planned meeting was called off by the ambassador.

The spokesman said the report referred to a meeting which was supposed to have taken place in Brussels grouping Israeli and European Jewish leaders and Arab personalities from the occupied Arab territories, including Akram Hanich, Hanna Siniara, Fayez Abu Rahme and Ahmad Khalidi and Israeli parliamentarian Abdul Wahab Darawsheh and others to discuss peace.

Jordan has no relations whatsoever to this meeting, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the report that the Jordanian ambassador planned to attend the meeting was totally baseless and that it should be considered as part of Israel's malicious campaign against Jordan for the Kingdom's firm and clear stand. Jordan, the spokesman said, will not represent the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) nor will it act on behalf of any party in any conference related to the Palestinian problem.

Rebels report 8,000 Iranian casualties

AMMAN (J.T.) — The main Iranian dissident group, Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, said Tuesday its fighters killed or wounded at least 8,000 Iranian troops when they captured the Iranian border town of Mehran on the central front in the Iran-Iraq war.

The Baghdad-based organisation also said in a telex to the Jordan Times that 1,500 Iranians, including more than 20 officers, were taken prisoner.

The Mujahedeen's National Liberation Army (NLA) attacked Mehran Sunday in its biggest offensive since it was formed two years ago.

A spokesman for the NLA told the AP in Cyprus by telephone that NLA forces were still en-

gaged in combat around Mehran Tuesday. But he gave no details.

The NLA communiqué said Mujahedeen forces routed 32 battalions of Iranian regulars and Revolutionary Guards in their offensive codenamed "Forty Stars."

As the 22 brigades of rebels were apparently gradually disengaging to pull back across the border into Iraq, the communiqué said the Iranian government forces totalled 16,000 men.

NLA commanders have said they did not plan to hold Mehran, whose civilian population fled years ago.

The Iranian casualties claimed

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The Toronto line-up: (from left to right) European Economic Community President Jacques Delors, Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, French President Francois Mitterrand, Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Toronto summit offers debt relief

TORONTO (R) — Leading industrial nations reached a consensus Tuesday to extend some debt relief to the Third World's poorest countries, according to a draft of a final communiqué at their economic summit in Toronto.

"We have achieved consensus on rescheduling official debt of those countries," the draft said.

This was in a framework "that allows official creditors to choose among concessional interest rates ... longer repayment periods ... partial write-offs of debt ... or a combination of these options."

Delegation sources also suggested the 34-point communiqué would largely gloss over such problems as the record budget deficit of the United States, while the debt package will deal with only a fraction of some \$1.2 trillion owed by all the Third World.

The United States and some others at the summit gave only a cautious response to a bold Japanese initiative to extend debt relief to bigger, middle-income debtors.

Japan's proposal will not be adopted here, leaving help on the debt owed to governments by the poorest of the poor as the signal achievement from three days of talks.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy called it "a message of hope," and told reporters that 20 sub-Saharan African nations would initially be eligible for relief, and 10 other countries might

be added later. To qualify, nations must be very poor indeed, with annual per capita income of \$425 or less — compared with over \$18,000 in the United States.

Debt repayments must exceed 30 per cent of export earnings and they must adopt International Monetary Fund (IMF) belt-tightening policies.

Bérégovoy could not say how much debt might actually qualify for relief but he guessed at around \$10 to \$15 billion. Delegates say the actual burden to taxpayers may be as little as \$500 million a year.

In East Berlin, Palestinian

Rabin says Israeli civilians can 'defend themselves'

Settler, troops shoot and wound two Arabs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Two Palestinians were wounded by Israeli gunfire Tuesday, including a 10-year-old boy shot by an Israeli settler who opened fire on stone-throwing protesters in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, Arab hospital officials said.

The second injury involved a 16-year-old Palestinian who was shot in the shoulder during a clash with troops in the village of Burka near Nablus, said officials at the city's Al Ittihad hospital.

The officials quoted Burka residents as saying the army later clamped a curfew on the village and rounded up all men over 16 at the local schoolyard.

The army confirmed a Burka resident was injured in a clash with troops, but would not provide further details.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said all Israelis, not just the army, must defend Jewish settlements, and that he was right to encourage civilians to open fire on Palestinians armed with firebombs.

Rabin, in an interview with the AP, said he would explain his view to American officials during his visit to Washington, where he is expected to meet sharp critics.

"We have to try together, the military and the civilians, to take all the measures (needed) to put down the violence," Rabin said.

He spoke a day after an Israeli farmer was found stabbed and bludgeoned to death in a field near Moshav Shekev, a communal farm.

Farmer Eli Cohen, 33, was the fourth Israeli to be killed during

the six-and-a-half-month Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 220 Palestinians have also died.

Security officials blamed the attack on Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has vowed what he called an appropriate response to the killing of the farmer.

"A killing of this sort demands an appropriate response. We must act appropriately," Shamir

told Israel Television.

He did not elaborate, but Haim Kaufman, head of the parliamentary faction of Shamir's rightist Likud bloc, said Israel should expel 100 Palestinians from the village where those responsible for the killing came from.

At the Red Cross centre in Arab Jerusalem, 50 Palestinian women held a sit-in to protest against the army closure Monday of an educational charity centre at Al Bireh in the West Bank. "Hundreds of families depend on the centre for food," Family Welfare Centre Director Sameeha Khalil told Reuters.

The army welded shut the kitchen of the centre, closed offices and classes and confiscated material.

In the occupied Gaza Strip,

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Iran said drawing up plans to free Britons

LONDON (Agencies) — The Iranian government is drawing up a provisional timetable for the release by Christmas of Britons held in Iran and Lebanon, Independent Radio News reported Tuesday.

The commercial British network, quoting a reliable Iranian source, said two prisoners in a Tehran jail would be released first, followed by three held hostage in Lebanon.

The hostages include Anglican church envoy Terry Waite, who will be freed last, after the U.S. presidential election in November, it said.

The Foreign Office and Iranian embassy declined to comment.

Four British parliamentarians flew to Iran Sunday on a private mission arranged by Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie. The group, which says its goal is to improve relations with Iran, will return home Wednesday, a church spokesman said.

The radio said Iran was drawing up the provisional timetable because it was delighted at reaching agreement with Britain on June 10 to exchange compensation for damaged diplomatic buildings.

Under the provisional timetable, the report said, British tourist Nicholas Nicola, 25, arrested in September 1986 on charges of firing shots at a checkpoint on the Iran-Pakistan border, would be the first to be freed.

Next out would be businessman Roger Cooper, 53, who has been held since December 1985 on spy charges. Neither has been tried.

The Foreign Office said Cooper's brother Paul was in Iran

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Kandahar under siege

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Soviet forces under attack by Afghan Mujahedeen forces have moved to the southeast of Kandahar to seek refuge at the heavily fortified airport. Western diplomats said Tuesday.

The Mujahedeen have maintained a month-long siege of Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city after Kabul, driving government troops to the city limits and Soviet forces to the airport, according to diplomats speaking on condition of anonymity.

Western and Mujahedeen estimates of the Soviet forces at the airport vary between 2,000 and 10,000. Observers say the 2,000 figure seems more realistic.

The rebels have been rocketing the airport and using anti-aircraft weapons against helicopters, the diplomats said.

The latest Western reports backed Mujahedeen claims that their forces have formed a tightly-knit arc around the city, cutting roads to the north, south and east.

Sporadic travel on the road to Herat in western Afghanistan has come under fire by Mujahedeen, the sources said.

The siege of Kandahar, 450 kilometres south of Kabul, has sent food prices soaring ten fold, they said.

Mujahedeen pressure has forced the Soviets to delay a planned withdrawal from Kandahar, according to earlier reports. There have been no reports of significant Soviet troop movement.

While the assault on Kandahar continues uninterrupted, Mujahedeen say they are launching joint offensives against government garrisons and villages along the strategic Kandahar-Kabul highway.

At least 15 killed in Amritsar blast

AMRITSAR (Agencies) — A powerful bomb believed planted by Sikh militants exploded Tuesday in a crowded market near the Golden Temple, killing at least 15 people and injuring 20, authorities said.

The United News of India (UNI) news agency quoted unofficial sources as saying that more than 30 people were killed and 75 others wounded. Police refused comment on the report.

Officials clamped an indefinite curfew on the old walled city of Amritsar after the explosion.

About 300 people were in the market frequented by cloth merchants, yarn sellers and industrialists when the explosion occurred at 6:45 p.m. (1345

GMT), witnesses said. Angry people prevented police from coming to the spot about 180 metres from the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine.

It was the fourth attack since Sunday blamed on Sikh militants. At least 43 people have died in the latest violence, and most of the victims have been Hindus.

Late Monday, at least six people were killed in neighbouring Haryana state when gunmen believed to be Sikh extremists opened fire at a crowd of people leaving a movie theatre.

In Amritsar, protesters pelted police vehicles with stones and blocked them from going to the explosion site, witnesses said.

Two policemen were injured in

the scuffle, according to Suresh Arora, senior superintendent of police in Amritsar.

Dina Nath, one of the people injured in the blast, said the explosive was hidden inside a motor scooter parked in the shopping area. Police said they were investigating.

Sikh extremists have been waging a guerrilla war for an independent homeland in Punjab state for six years.

The Press Trust of India said four Sikhs fired submachine guns into a crowd of people leaving a movie theatre in the Haryana town of Pehowa Monday. The militants escaped, the news agency said.

'Education is learning not memorisation'

Mariam Shahin
Special to The Jordan Times

"THERE are two major areas of the world where the mode of distance education has not been introduced yet. Antarctica, which has more penguin inhabitants than anything else, and the Arab World which is full of human potential," according to Kevin Smith, president of the International Council for Distance Education (ICDE).

Smith who was in Amman on a three-week consultancy mission to Al Quds Open University (OOU), gave several lectures at the UNESCO office in Amman. In his lectures, Smith discussed education in general and the application of distance education techniques in particular with educationalists at OOU, UNESCO and several Jordanian educational institutions. During a lecture June 16, at UNESCO office Smith said: "We consider students as individuals needing direction but also needing to be given scope for initiating personal learning strategies. Achieving this through a well designed product in the form of course material supported by a dynamic interactive process of communication between teacher and student at a distance, is not an easy feat. But it can be done effectively. In fact, in many countries of the world it has been done."

At the last world conference of the International Council for Distance Education, which was held in Melbourne, Australia, in 1985, 600 delegates from 50 countries attended. The Arab World was not represented, Smith pointed out. "The absence of the mode of distance education in this region is regrettable. However, the creation of Al Quds Open University is about to alter that."

According to the ICDE president it is of "critical importance"

to the development of education in this area that distance education is introduced. "OOU's role would not be for the sake of OOU or education in Jordan and the occupied territories alone but for the region as a whole, to adapt as a prototype," Smith said.

In regions where access is not the only problem and where quality of education is questionable because of outdated texts and unqualified teachers, more flexible and imaginative methods would upgrade the quality of conventional education as well as in-

crease the focus on the learner learning than the teacher teaching.

"I have heard from very well informed sources on the educational scene that in many areas there is a lack of education in the real sense, there is only memorisation that goes up to the university level in some cases I understand," Smith said.

During his lecture, Smith pointed out that at the higher education level distance education is a mode of study that is international and rapidly expanding, legitimate and gaining in-

creased acceptance.

It enhances the quality of rural life particularly in developing countries; reduces capital and operating costs to participants; provides increased access to women, and for the socially disadvantaged and physically isolated persons, according to the lecturer.

In August of this year Smith will turn over the ICDE presidency to David Sewart of the U.K. Open University at the 14th world conference of the organisation which is to be held in Oslo, Norway.

"For the first time in its fifty years history, the organisation will become fully professional with a permanent secretariat based in Oslo."

Under the auspices of UNESCO, a secretariat was formed. Strategies will be formulated to allocate financial and human resources to distance education projects and institutions in the developing countries, which Smith hopes will include OOU.

The ICDE permanent secretariat, which is assisted by the Norwegian government, will "hopefully act as a stimulus and catalyst in regions where distance education does not exist," Smith said.

"It is important if OOU wants to rally financial, moral and other support. It must soon have learning materials to show to those who are interested in knowing about the learning material, i.e. possible sponsors. This could be quite critical for its future development," Smith said.

This year at the 14th international conference of the International Council of Distance Education the Arab World will be represented for the first time. OOU President Dr. Walid Kamhawi will lead OOU's delegation to Oslo.



Kevin Smith lecturing at UNESCO on Thursday

Sqour stresses importance of services for handicapped

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan witnessed a rapid and noticeable development in the past two decades in the field of services for the handicapped, and special legislations have been enacted for the benefit of these less fortunate members of society, Ministry of Social Development's Secretary General Mohammad Sqour said Tuesday.

Addressing the opening session of a training course on hearing disabilities, Sqour said that the Ministry of Social Development and organisations caring for the handicapped people in Jordan have been providing guidance to the parents of the handicapped and retarded children, and offering special education and rehabilitation to these children, to help them adapt to the needs of life within the Jordanian society.

The training course is being

attended by 60 teachers who will hear lectures and do practical work which focuses on hearing disability, ways to prevent such a handicap, early diagnosis of hearing troubles among children, training deaf children to speak and other related topics.

The three-week course is being held at the Queen Alia Centre set up by the Hearing-Impaired (QASHI).

In his speech at the opening session, Sqour referred to the society as "a unique establishment which has made remarkable achievements in the field of helping the deaf through its specialised units and clinics and dedication of its staff."

The society president delivered a speech outlining the training and rehabilitation programmes adopted at the centre "which has highly qualified staff."



Royal Scientific Society President Jawad Anani and Dr. Hamad Al Saleh, secretary general of the Bahraini Centre for Studies and Research sign a five-year agreement on Tuesday (Petra photo)

Amin discusses progress of 5-year-plan

AMMAN (Petra) — A meeting was held in Amman Tuesday to discuss the five-year development plan for the Amman Governorate. Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin chaired the meeting and called for public participation in implementing development plans, specially in the agricultural field.

Amin reviewed the parts of the plan implemented in the past two years and plans for 1988 which include the two interchanges at the Sports City and the Interior Ministry Circle.

Amin said that 35 dunums of land have been purchased near the overpass along the university road to serve as a new terminal for buses and taxis transporting passengers to the northern regions of the country. The meeting also discussed plans for the development of Ras Al Ain and the Muhajireen districts of Amman.

Present at the meeting were directors of development districts in Naour, Madaba, Sahab and Muwaqqar who submitted reports about progress in im-



Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin chairs a meeting on the five-year development plan for Amman (Petra photo)

plementing projects in their respective regions.

Preparations for a meeting to be held in August under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to discuss the progress of the plan were also reviewed at the meeting.

3 killed in airport highway accident

AMMAN (J.T.) — Three people were killed and 20 others were injured in a road accident along the Amman-Queen Alia International Airport Highway Monday.

A report in the local press said that the victims were all riding in a bus owned by Royal Jordanian, the national airlines, when it hit a road fender with a great force which caused the vehicle to turn on its side.

The dead were known as Mazen Kurdi, Ahmad Mufaddi and Mufid Mohammad Ali.

The injured were carried by Civil Defence ambulances to Al Bashir Hospital and the King Hussein Medical Centre for treatment.

The local press reported the death of two other people and the injury of four others in road accidents which occurred near Maftaq and Muqablein areas.

It said Civil Defence men were called out to put out 37 fires which occurred in a number of regions over the past 36 hours.

RSS, Bahraini centre sign 5-year agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research Tuesday signed a five-year agreement, paving the ground for bilateral cooperation in scientific and technological fields.

The agreement will encourage researchers and scientists from both sides to conduct joint work, which would be beneficial for development in Jordan and Bahrain.

Exchanges of visits by researchers and expertise as well as information pertaining to the development process would also be provided.

The two sides agreed to

cooperate in training technicians and personnel in conducting research work, to organise seminars, training courses and conferences and to work out joint research programmes and embark on pilot projects.

The two sides also agreed to set up a joint committee that meets annually in Amman and Manama, on an alternate basis, to follow up the implementation of the agreement and to present proposals for further cooperation.

The agreement was signed by RSS President Jawad Al Anani and Dr. Hamad Al Saleh, secretary general of the Bahraini centre.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

RAWABDEH TO LEAVE FOR RABAT: A delegation from the Greater Amman Municipality, headed by Mayor Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh leaves for Rabat on June 26, on a week long visit to Morocco on invitation by Rabat municipality. Rawabdeh and the mayor of Rabat will sign a programme of cooperation and friendship between the two municipalities.

146 STUDENTS GRADUATE: Aqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat Monday attended the graduation of 146 students from Jerash Vocational College and presented them with their diplomas. Present at the graduation ceremony were Jerash district governor, and a number of government officials.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION: Participants in the 8th Arab chemists conference, currently held in Amman, Tuesday visited the Jordanian industries' permanent exhibition, held at the Amman Chamber of Industry. Inspected samples of the items on display and voiced their satisfaction of the advanced standard of the Jordanian industries.

ZARQA INSPECTION: Zarqa Governor Eid Al Qatameh and Zarqa education department director Tuesday inspected the examination halls in the governorate, where 8,038 students are sitting for the general certificate of education examination and 10,550 students sitting for the secondary stage admission examination.

PURCHASE OF GRAINS: A special committee, formed by the cabinet to draw up the procedures governing the purchase by the government of grains from farmers. Tuesday met under the chairmanship of Agriculture Ministry Secretary General Salem Al Lawzi and made a number of recommendations and decisions designed to support grain farmers and encourage growing grains.

2,737 GRADUATES: A total of 2,737 students were graduated from the University of Jordan various faculties this year and were offered their degrees by the University President Abdul Salam Al Majali, who was patron of the celebrations that took place during the period from June 14-June 19. The graduates included 2,237 B.A., B.Sc. graduates, 236 diploma graduates and 264 of higher studies students including five Ph.D. graduates.

SAQQAF MEETS SOVIET: Secretary General of the Industry and Trade Ministry Mohammad Al Saqqaf Tuesday received Trade Adviser of the Soviet, Ambassador in Amman Ewlanow Vladimir and discussed bilateral trade cooperation with him.

SWIMMING POOL OPENS: The Plaza Hotel swimming pool is now open to all the hotel's visitors and customers. This summer facility has been equipped with all means that ensure the comfort of clients. The hotel's management, in its endeavours to develop its services, has also introduced a new service, that is the Saturday Fun Night when barbeque is offered.

MOCK FIRE FIGHT: The Civil Defence Department (CDD) Tuesday carried out a mock fire extinguishing experiment at the Al Hussein Thermal Station in Zarqa. The Zarqa CDD director said that this successful experiment is designed to demonstrate the ability to efficiently deal with any fire incident.

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Arab educational council meets today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's delegation to the Arab Educational Council for Palestinian Affairs meeting due to open Wednesday will submit a working paper outlining Israel's measures to destroy the Arab educational system in the occupied Arab territories.

The paper deals with textbooks imposed on the Palestinian schools by Israel, and details on Israel's distortion of facts that aims to erase Arab history and heritage from Palestine, according to sources at the Ministries of Education and Occupied Territories Affairs who are sponsoring the meeting.

The meeting, the 20th of its kind to be held by the council, will hear proposals and recommendations for the development of Arab educational institutions in the occupied territories, the sources said.

Ministry of Education's Secretary General Munther Al Masri will open the week-long sessions at Amman Hotel which are to be attended by delegates from Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan as well as the Arab League General Secretariat.

Police nab 17 thieves

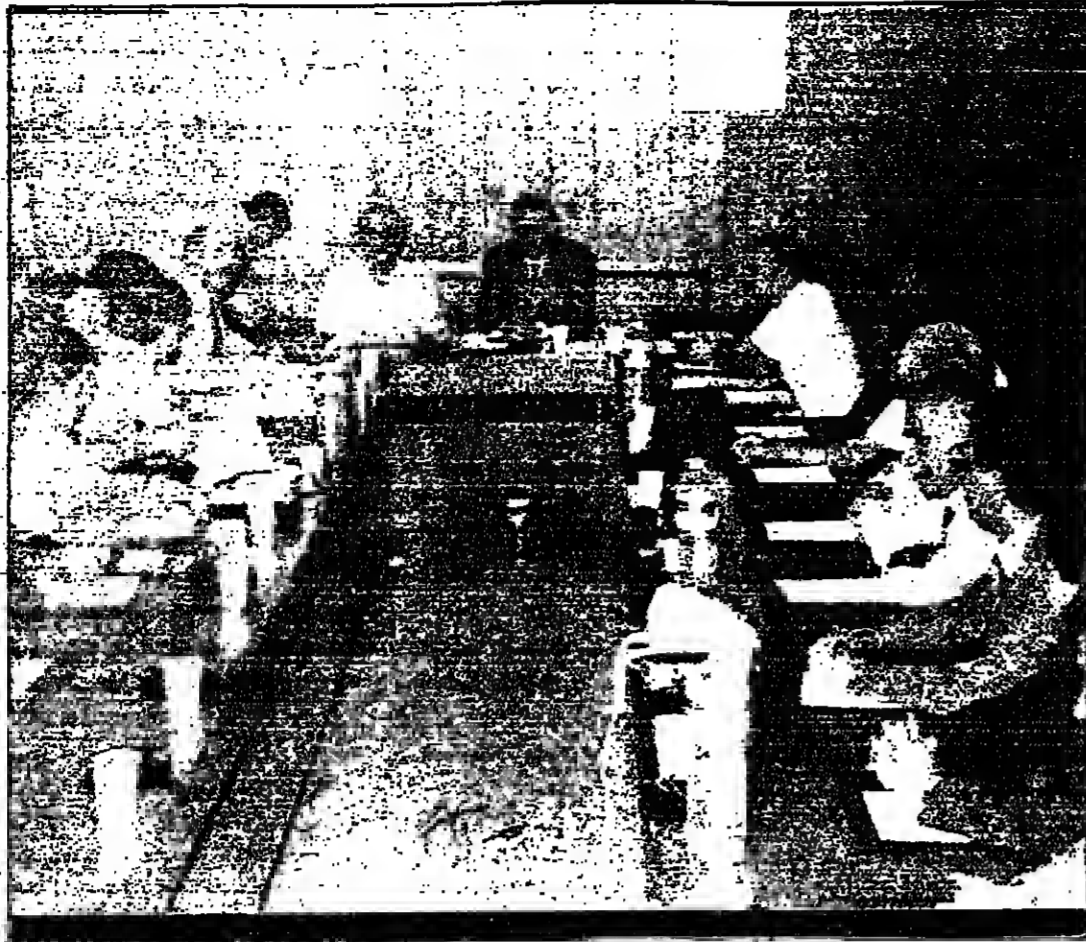
AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amman Police Department Tuesday announced the capture of 17 people in five different cases, all involved in theft, robbery and cases of fraud committed in Amman region, and retrieved stolen items, jewellery and cash from the thieves.

According to police sources quoted by Al Dustour Arabic daily one of the cases involved seven young people who had been in the habit of hiring taxis which they directed to outlying areas where they forced the driver to get out and they stole all the cash they found on the driver and in his vehicle, and driving off in the man's car which they later abandoned.

Two of the group, Walid Fayyad and Ziyad Dagheesh, said they were unemployed and needed money which motivated their actions.

Another group used to break into homes and stores to steal jewellery and electric appliances which they sold for money.

According to the paper, an accomplice in yet another case came to the police department of his own free will and reported four thefts.



Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thouqan Hindawi and representatives of local contracting companies Tuesday sign contracts to build 15 schools in Irbid (Petra photo)

Hindawi, local firms sign contracts to build 15 schools, 2 sports halls

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thouqan Hindawi and representatives of local contracting companies Tuesday signed contracts worth JD 5,031,462 for the construction of 15 schools, two sports halls and a teachers club building in Irbid.

Hindawi stressed His Majesty King Hussein's interest and that of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, in improving the educational process, and said that the first educational conference, which was held in September

1987, emphasized the need to provide suitable schools to replace the rented premises, and to abolish the double shift system, now in effect due to the increasing number of students in schools.

The Education Ministry's assistant secretary general for services stressed the need to implement the recommendations of the first educational conference, particularly in relation to projects, school constructions and called for drawing up an integrated plan to carry

out the school construction projects, which will be financed through a JD 30 million loan from the Social Security Corporation.

Each one of the new schools, which will be constructed in various parts of Irbid Governorate will include 20 to 30 classrooms, a laboratory, a vocational training workshop, an administration area, a sanitary unit and a guard's room.

The teachers club building, the first of its kind in Jordan, will cost JD 304,287.

UNESCO urged to step up efforts to end Israeli arbitrary practices

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A regional meeting on the universalisation and renewal of primary education and the eradication of illiteracy in the Arab World ended in Amman Monday evening with a call by the participants on UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to step up efforts to put an end to Israel's arbitrary practices against educational institutions in the Occupied Arab Territories.

The Israeli authorities are continuing a drive to deprive Arab children of basic education and also trying to obliterate the Arab culture and Arab identity through

closing schools and detaining school children, the participants said in a final statement at the conclusion of the three-day meeting.

The statement paid tribute to UNESCO's director general for his efforts to promote educational programmes for the Arab population under Israeli rule, and urged him to pursue these efforts in view of the Israeli arbitrary measures against the Arab citizens.

The participants endorsed a regional document on the universalisation of primary education and the eradication of illiteracy in the Arab World by the year 2,000.

They also urged Arab governments to support UNESCO's endeavours to make 1990 a year for the eradication of illiteracy, serving as a spring-board for further efforts in spreading basic education to all people.

The participants supported a proposal by Arab states to set up a regional cooperative programme for universalising primary education.

The meeting which was opened by the UNESCO's regional office in Amman Saturday heard calls for a revision of the whole educational system in the Arab World where 56 per cent of the population is illiterate.

ASPIP opens 2-day meeting in Amman

Arab states seek to develop laws that encourage inventions

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP) opened a two-day meeting in Amman Tuesday with a call on Arab states to develop laws that can encourage inventions and creative industrial work benefiting the Arab society.

The call was made by Mr. Khalidoun Abu Hassan, president of the Amman Chamber of Industry who said that Jordan, along with Arab countries, continues to strive to achieve higher standards in industry, but this requires enacting new laws and legislations to promote industrial operations.

"Protection of industrial property has become one of the most important issues for all countries benefiting from sciences and technology in the process of industrial development, and trying to improve living and health conditions for their people," Abu Hassan noted.

Scientists and researchers in the Third World often themselves finance their own work due to the lack of organisations which can help them to do so and the absence of laws and regulations which can provide protection for their invention," Abu Hassan said.

He said proper legislations should be enacted in Arab countries to help industrialists and researchers to cooperate in promoting industry.

ASPIP's President Latif Hakim

delivered a speech in which he noted that speedy development in the fields of technology necessitated proper protection for industrial property in various industrial countries. "Arab states ought to follow this example and provide protection for inventors who would then place their work under the disposal of their societies and for their own benefit."

Another speaker at the opening session was Dr. Mohammad Hilal, under secretary of the Egyptian Ministry of Industry who spoke about the role that should be played by Arab governments to provide protection to inventors and their work, and said that laws and regulations in this concern should be updated, and joint efforts launched if Arab industry is to be advanced and promoted.

After the opening session, the first working session began and Jordan presented a working paper dealing with trade mark, laws and regulations and other topics related to industrial inventions.

Delegates from nine Arab

countries in the Middle East and North Africa are taking part in the two-day meeting organised by ASPIP in cooperation with the Amman Chamber of Industry.

ASPIP was founded in 1973 to help Arab countries improve their legislations and laws concerning industries, to organise and coordinate cooperation among Arab, and foreign industrial organisations, help protect trade marks and inventions of Arab inventors and assist them in marketing their inventions.

The participating countries are Jordan, Kuwait, Egypt, Syria, Sudan, Lebanon, North Yemen, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates.



The Arab Society for the protection of industrial property opens two-day meeting in Amman Tuesday (Petra photo)

Ma'an celebrates Great Arab Revolt

MA'AN (Petra) — The Ma'an Governorate Tuesday celebrated the Great Arab Revolt and Army Day by organising a grand celebration, which included horse shows, music, poetry reading, dabka dancing and songs.

Ma'an Governor Jamal Momani highlighted the importance of the Great Arab Revolt, saying that it was designed to liberate the Arab citizen from oppression and ignorance.

The revolt, he said, was the

first revolt in Arab history that called for Arab unity in the face of imperialism.

Balqa Governorate is to celebrate the occasion Wednesday by holding a major celebration at the Salt Comprehensive Girls School, during which the Balqa governor will hand over the Great Arab Revolt banner to runners from the Youth Ministry, which has prepared the governorate's two-day celebration programme.

Taking part in the celebration will be people from all walks of life.

Irbid marks revolt anniversary

Also Tuesday the Irbid Governorate held a major celebration, which included folkloric songs, dances and poetry reading.

Irbid Governor Akram Al Naser outlined the importance of the

Great Arab Revolt in Arab history and reviewed the political values of the revolt, as an intellectual and political concept which has unified the Arabs.

Naser also reviewed the longstanding historical relation between the revolt and the Palestine question.

At the end of the celebration, Naser delivered the Great Arab Revolt banner to the runners who crossed the streets of Irbid.

Work progresses on Amman-Naour-Dead Sea road

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A ground-breaking ceremony marking the construction of the fourth stage of the Amman-Naour-Dead Sea Highway was held here Tuesday.

This is the last stage of the 41-kilometre highway linking Amman, Naour and the Dead Sea.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has contributed \$25 million to the JD 7.5 million project, considered of vital importance to upgrade the original Amman-Dead

Sea road to a four lane, divided highway and avoid areas of recurrent landslides on the existing road, particularly near the village of Adasieh.

The highway will eliminate dangerous curves along the 1,400 metre drop from the highlands and will ease the heavy traffic especially in the winter season.

The highway will also shorten travel time and provide safer route for the heavy truck traffic bringing in agricultural produce to market from the Jordan

Valley.

Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawadeh, who attended the ground breaking ceremony, said that the fourth stage entails building 18.2 kilometre length of the road of which 13.2 kilometres will be of four lanes, stretching from Adasieh until the Kafrain crossroads, and five kilometres with two lanes from Kafrain until the Rameh Junction.

He said that a local construction firm has undertaken to carry

out the fourth stage in 700 days under joint supervision with a U.S. engineering firm.

To allow for the construction work, the road will be closed as of Saturday June 25, but a substitute road will be available for vehicles heading to the Jordan Valley through the Wadi Sbu'eib area, the minister announced.

The ceremony was attended by U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth and a number of officials from the USAID and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing.



Specialists from the government, public and the Royal medical services attend the opening of the mental health seminar in Fuhais Tuesday (Petra photo)

3-day seminar opens on mental health

FUHAIS (Petra) — A three-day seminar on mental health services in Jordan opened at the National Centre for Mental Health at Fuhais with the participation of 25 specialists from the private and public sectors in the country.

Health Ministry Secretary General Anwar Bilbeisi addressed the opening session in which he outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Ministry of Health towards providing health services to all citizens in the Kingdom.

The ministry has gone a long way towards providing primary

health care to all regions, and mental health services are part of this care, Bilbeisi said.

In 1985 a national committee, comprising specialists from the ministry, the University of Jordan, the Royal Medical Services and the Jordanian Association of Psychiatrists, was set up to pave the way for proper mental health care for the society, Bilbeisi said.

He said that in 1986 the Fuhais Centre was opened to supervise the implementation of mental health services in Jordan and recruit doctors, nurses and mental health researchers for the

work. The centre now employs 14 psychiatrists, 16 general practitioners 17 male and female nurses, and 16 researchers, together with 20 male and female students under training, to become assistant mental health nurses, according to Bilbeisi.

He said the Health Ministry, in cooperation with the concerned authorities in Jordan, helped to enact a law on drug addiction and another pertaining to the rights of mental patients.

But he said that no programmes in this respect can be successful unless they are coupled with a

general public awareness and continued support from society.

The Director of the Ministry's Mental Health Department delivered a speech in which he said that mental health service has been incorporated with the ministry's primary health programmes and the training of Jordanian personnel has been launched to achieve an integrated service.

A World Health Organisation (WHO) specialist who attended the opening session spoke about the importance of dealing with mental diseases in view of their impact on society.

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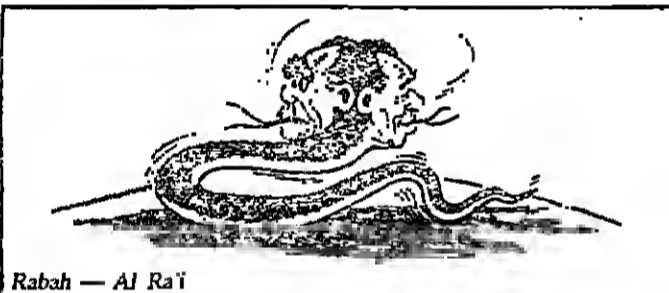
Israel manoeuvres over Taba

HAVING tried every trick in the book — and some outside it, too — to retain control of the Taba strip, Israel is trying to get Egypt back to square one and restart negotiations over the tiny beachfront. No doubt, a firm conviction that the arbitration panel will rule that the strip be returned in its rightful owner — Egypt — is behind the Israeli manoeuvring. Ludicrous as it is, Israel's determined drive to continue the squabble over one square kilometre of land is also mystifying. But behind the Israeli paranoia appears to lie a deeper strategy; that of preempting any international ruling over Arab ownership of land that could set a precedent for other Arab territories occupied by the Zionist state. Needless to say, the maps that the arbitration panel will base its Taba ruling on will raise serious questions even over the legitimacy of Israel's pre-1967 "borders."

Another school of thought in the Middle East says that Israel is bent upon averting a state of "total peace" with any Arab country, and therefore it will always shy short of complying in full with any agreement reached with any Arab party. According to this line of thinking, Israel fears that "total peace" will imply "integration" and "open borders" with Arab countries and such a state of affairs will gradually undermine the Jewish character of Israel.

Whatever the Israeli motives, Egypt has adopted the right stand: Cairo is willing to negotiate as long as Egyptian sovereignty over Taba is recognised, and the negotiations are confined to agreed-upon arrangements. But, it will be wishful thinking to envisage Israel accepting the Egyptian stand or see the drawn-out dispute nearing its final chapter. If anything, Israel will come up with new deviations to steer away from the central issue — whether or not Israel is willing to live in total peace with a neighbour.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS



Rabah — Al Ra'i

Al Ra'i: What about human rights?

THE Soviet Union dealt a heavy blow to world Zionism when it announced that it would not force migrating Soviet Jews to go to Israel as was earlier requested by Israel and the United States. Moscow announced that the Jews are not goods that can be directed to the importing country, nor can these people be treated as prisoners who should be confined to one place whether they like it or not. Israel and the United States had been exerting pressure on Moscow to allow the Jews to emigrate and choose the country in which they like to settle, but now they are demanding that the Jews be issued visas that would only allow them to settle in Israel, something which most of them do not wish to do. In fact, many of the Soviet Jews who had earlier settled in Israel chose to emigrate again after being frustrated with the life and working and living conditions inside the occupied Palestinian land. The Americans and the Zionists had been launching propaganda campaigns against the Soviet Union, claiming that it was not giving rights to the Jewish community and not allowing them the right to emigrate; but their propaganda soon backfired when Moscow announced that the Jews will be allowed to leave for any country they want. The Americans have been showing so much concern over the fate of the Soviet Jews, but have never shown any sympathy or support for the rights of the oppressed people of Palestine who have been evicted from their homeland by Jewish terrorism.

Al Dustour: Strange noises from Israel

THE Israelis are now raising a storm over rumours that Syria has been supplied with medium range Chinese-made missiles that could threaten Israel's security. It is rather strange to hear such noises coming out from a racist state, planted among us and equipped with all forms of weapons and possessing a vast nuclear arsenal, far exceeding its needs for defence. It is not the first time that Israel raises the hue and cry about Arab countries' armaments; and most of us remember the Israeli outcry over Saudi Arabia's missiles and Israel's threat to destroy them. Israel deliberately creates such trouble over arms deliveries to Arab countries to find a pretext for launching aggression on the Arabs who have a legitimate right to arm themselves against external aggression, most probably coming from Israel itself. Israel's prime minister has claimed that by possessing medium range missiles, Syria is thus disturbing the balance of power in the Middle East. If this allegation is not intended as a prelude for launching an aggression of Syria, then it could mean that Israel hopes to be excused because of its continued massing of nuclear weapons. The Israeli media had been spreading harmful campaigns against the Arab countries in general and Syria in particular, claiming that the latter is preparing to launch a chemical war on Israel. This is a clear indication of the evil intentions of Zionist leaders in Tel Aviv who never lose a minute in their planning and executing aggression against the Arab Nation.

Sawt Al Shaab: Iran's opposition asserts itself

IRAN is currently witnessing a rebirth of the opposition's force and a new initiative by the Iranian rebels to rid their country of the tyrant mullahs who have caused the destruction of the Iranian nation. There is no doubt that the Iraqi victories in the battlefield and the ignominious defeats dealt to the Iranian armed forces on all fronts have contributed to the pressure being exerted on Tehran rulers by Mujahideen Khalq who have already occupied one town and plan to continue the struggle against the evil regime in Tehran. The new move is designed to bring salvation to the Iranian people from all forms of oppression and conflicts that have caused the death of hundreds of thousands of Iranians and destroyed the country's economic and social infrastructure. Arab countries and international organisations including the United Nations have all failed in persuading the Tehran regime to give up the armed conflict and settle the issue by peaceful means, as the regime in Tehran has closed its ears to all calls for peace, thus making it incumbent on the opposition to take up arms against the repressive regime.

Toronto summit hails improved West-East relations, condemns terrorism

TORONTO (R) — Following is the text of the political declaration of the Toronto economic summit:

East-West

1. We the leaders of our seven countries, and the representatives of the European Community, uphold common principles of freedom, respect for individual rights, and the desire of all men to live in peace under the rule of law. Our peoples stand in solidarity within the framework of our existing alliances for the cause of freedom, to safeguard democracy and the prosperity which it has produced. In our discussions we considered how these goals and values could be pursued in the field of foreign affairs, particularly with regard to East-West relations.

2. We discussed a wide range of regional questions and these discussions are continuing throughout the summit.

3. We confirmed our belief in constructive and realistic dialogue and cooperation, including arms control, human rights and regional issues, as the way to build stability between East and West and enhance security at lower levels of arms. We also reaffirmed that for the foreseeable future nuclear deterrence and adequate conventional strength are the guarantees of peace in freedom.

4. In several important respects changes have taken place in relations between Western countries and the Soviet Union since we last met. For our part this evolution has come about because the industrialised democracies have been strong and united. In the Soviet Union greater freedom and openness will offer opportunities to reduce mistrust and build confidence. Each of us will respond positively to any such developments.

5. We welcome the beginning of the Soviet withdrawal of its occupation troops from Afghanistan. It must be total and apply to the entire country. The Afghan people must be able to choose their government freely. Each of us confirmed our willingness to make our full contribution to the efforts of the international community to ensure the return of the refugees to their homeland, their resettlement, and the reconstruction of their country. We now look to the Soviet Union to make a constructive contribution to resolving other regional conflicts as well.

6. Since our last meeting, progress has been made between the United States and the Soviet Union in agreeing to reduce nuclear weapons in a manner which accords fully with the security interests of each of our countries. The INF treaty, the direct result of Western firmness and unity, is the first treaty ever actually to reduce nuclear arms. It sets vitally important precedents for future arms control agreements: Asymmetrical reductions and intrusive verification arrangements. We now look for deep cuts in U.S. and Soviet strategic offensive arms. We congratulate President Reagan on what he has already accomplished, along with General Secretary Gorbachev, towards this goal.

7. Nonetheless, the massive presence of Soviet conventional forces in Eastern Europe, the ensuing conventional superiority of the Warsaw Pact, and its capacity to launch surprise attacks and large scale offensive operations, lie at the core of the security problem in Europe. The Soviet military buildup in the Far East is equally a major source of instability in Asia. These threats must be reduced. Our goal is enhanced security and stability at lower levels of forces, after having eliminated the present imbalances. We seek the early establishment of a comprehensive, effectively verifiable and truly global ban on chemical weapons.

8. Genuine peace cannot be established solely by arms control. It must be firmly based on respect for fundamental human rights. We urge the Soviet Union to move forward in ensuring human dignity and freedoms and to implement fully and strengthen substantially its commitments under the Helsinki process. Recent progress must be enshrined in law and practice, the painful barriers that divide people must come down, and the obstacles to emigration must be removed.

9. We pay special attention to the countries in Eastern Europe. We encourage them to open up their economies and societies, and to improve respect for human rights. In this context we support the continuation and strengthening of the Helsinki process.

10. We take positive note of Eastern countries' growing interest in ending their economic isolation, for example in the establishment and development of relations with the European Community. East-West economic relations can be expanded and serve our common interests so long as the commercial basis is

sound, they are conducted within the framework of the basic principles and the rules of the international trade and payments system, and are consistent with the security interests of each of our countries.

Terrorism

11. We strongly reaffirm our condemnation of terrorism in all its forms, including the taking of hostages. We renew our commitment to policies and measures agreed at previous summits, in particular those against state-sponsored terrorism.

12. We strongly condemn recent threats to air security, in particular the destruction of a Korean airliner and the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner. We recall the principle affirmed in previous declarations that terrorists must not go unpunished. We appeal to all countries who are not party to the international conventions on civil aviation security, in particular The Hague convention, to accede to those conventions.

13. We express support for work currently under way in the International Civil Aviation

Organisation aimed at strengthening international protection against hijackings. We welcome the most recent declaration adopted by the ICAO council which endorses the principle that hijacked aircraft should not be allowed to take off once they have landed, except in circumstances as specified in the ICAO declaration.

14. We welcome the adoption this year in Montreal and Rome of two international agreements on aviation and maritime security to enhance the safety of travellers.

15. We reaffirm our determination to continue the fight against terrorism through the application of rule of law, the policy of no concessions to terrorists and their sponsors, and international cooperation.

Narcotics

16. The illegal use of drugs and the illicit trafficking in them poses grave risks to the people of summit countries as well as the peoples of source and transit countries. There is an urgent need for

improved international cooperation in all appropriate fora on programmes to counter all facets of the illicit drug problem, in particular production, trafficking and financing of the drug trade. The complexity of the problem requires additional international cooperation, in particular to trace, freeze and confiscate the proceeds of drug traffickers, and to curb money laundering.

17. We look forward to the successful negotiation in Vienna in November of a United Nations convention on illicit trafficking.

18. We supported the initiative of the government of the United States for a special task force to be convened to propose methods of improving cooperation in all areas including national, bilateral and multilateral efforts in the fight against narcotics.

South Africa

We declare our abhorrence of apartheid, which must be replaced through a process of genuine national negotiations by a non-racial democracy.

We expressed our urgent opinion on three particular matters:

1 — All legal options available in South Africa should be used to secure clemency for the Sharpeville six.

2 — The enactment of legislation designed to deprive anti-apartheid organisations of overseas aid would place severe strain on the relations each of us has with South Africa.

3 — We strongly support the current negotiations seeking national reconciliation within Angola, an end to the Angola-Namibia conflict, and early implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 435.

Kampuchea

As the recent message from Prince Sihanouk has reminded us, the continuing (Kampuchean) conflict and the suffering of the (Kampuchean) people is of deep concern. We join the vast majority of the nations of the world in calling for the prompt withdrawal of all Vietnamese troops. We support a political settlement in (Kampuchea) which will provide for (Kampuchean) self-determination and lead to the reemergence of a free and independent (Kampuchea).

Summit supports international conference

TORONTO (R) — Following is the text of an agreed summary of the Toronto summit's discussions on the Middle East as read out by Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark on behalf of summit chairman Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

"We express our deep concern at the increasing instability in the Near East. The current violence in the occupied (Arab) territories is a clear sign that the status quo is not sustainable."

"An early negotiated settlement to the underlying Arab-Israeli dispute is essential. We declare our support for the convening of a properly structured international conference as the appropriate framework for the necessary negotiations between the parties directly concerned."

"In this respect we salute current efforts aimed at achieving a settlement, particularly the initiative pursued by Mr. Shultz since February. We urge the parties to cooperate fully in the search for a solution."

"We have pursued our consultations about the continuing war between Iran and Iraq which remains a source of profound concern to us. We reaffirm our support for Security Council Resolution 598 which was adopted unanimously."

"We express our warm appreciation for the efforts of the secretary-general to work for a settlement on this basis and reiterate our firm determination to ensure implementation of this mandatory resolution by a follow-up resolution. We condemn the use of chemical weapons by either party, deplore proliferation of ballistic missiles in the region and renew our commitment to uphold the principle of freedom of navigation in the Gulf."

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An Israeli soldier orders a photographer to leave the area as arrested Palestinian women are loaded into an army vehicle in the occupied West Bank

Palestinian uprising breeds Israeli violence, insensitivity

By Dan Izenberg
The Associated Press

TEL AVIV — Social scientists say the six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza is creating a worrisome atmosphere of violence and insensitivity in Israel.

Repeated scenes on television of Palestinians throwing stones and being beaten by soldiers are contributing to more violence in labour disputes and demonstrations, according to the scholars and researchers.

Early this month, hundreds of protesters stormed past police guarding the Israeli finance ministry, broke open the massive front door and made frightened office workers sit quietly while they smashed windows and furniture.

Police summoned reinforcements and drove the protesters out with wooden clubs and tear gas. The 500 attackers, Jewish employees of the Beit Shemesh engine factory, wanted the government to bail out the financially troubled company.

"Violence is increasingly becoming the norm," said Simcha Landau, a criminologist at Hebrew University. "The sensitivity threshold has been lowered and violence has become a legitimate way to solve problems."

Several days after the finance ministry assault, members of the extreme, anti-Arab Kach party attacked left-wing demonstrators in downtown Jerusalem and police were called in to break up the fight. The party's leader is American-born rabbi Meir Kahane.

In Tel Aviv, bystanders spat on people who marched June 4 to dramatize support for trading the occupied territories for peace with the Arabs. Several scuffles broke out and police beat up three news photographers.

Landau said "Israelis become habituated and desensitized to the violence," they see daily on television and hear about from thousands of reserve soldiers who have served in the occupied territories since the violence began Dec. 8. "The more they see it, the more they tend to imitate it," he said.

He cited international studies indicating violent crime increases after wars because people put less value on human life. Landau said his research in Israel has shown increases in murder and robbery in times of war or economic hardship.

"There is an erosion of the value which negates violence, collectively and individually," he said. "At times like this, many people who live on the edge of violence cross the line."

More than 220 Palestinians have been killed — most shot or beaten to death by soldiers — in the uprising. Four Israelis have been slain.

Avi Diskin, a Hebrew University political scientist, says the uprising is focusing the Nov. 1 parliamentary election on how to treat the Palestinians in the occupied territories and whether to trade land for peace.

"This year, for the first time, the campaign may be fought over the genuine national question: Israel's future and permanent borders," he said.

Many Israelis contend that the West Bank and Gaza are part of Israel by Biblical tradition. Other Jewish settlers whose reasons for moving to the occupied lands were practical rather than political also would be reluctant to give up their settlements.

On the other side are liberals who fear Israel will lose its democratic ideals if it continues ruling Palestinians without giving them equal rights. They also say, however, that giving them equal rights would threaten Israel's Jewish character.

The two major political parties — the right-wing Likud bloc and the centre-left Labour Party — have opposite views on giving up the territories.

Labour, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, supports a partial withdrawal and has said Israel will have increasing difficulty controlling the Palestinians if it keeps the territories.

Likud, led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, opposes giving up any territory.

Shamir and Peres have been partners and rivals in a tenuous "national unity" coalition since indecisive elections in 1984.

Diskin said the Palestinian uprising had polarised the views of Israelis and the violence could prove a potent mixture with politics.

"There may be a lot of incidents in this campaign," he said. "In elections, emotions are much more powerful than reason and the intifada works powerfully on emotions."

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Belgrade rejects formal ties with Israel

BELGRADE (AP) — The Yugoslav parliament Monday rejected calls to reestablish diplomatic relations with Israel but supported development of trade and political ties, the official Tanjug news agency reported. "Yugoslavia will not reestablish relations with Israel ... because it continues to deny Palestinian rights to self-determination (and) to occupy Arab territories and because of its negative stand on the question of a peaceful solution of the Middle East problem," said a parliamentary statement carried by Tanjug. But "this does not preclude the development of economic, tourist, cultural, scientific and sporting ties," as well as "political relations with organisations and individuals in Israel and on the occupied territories," the statement added.

Morocco, Algeria report new projects

RABAT (AP) — Moroccan and Algerian officials met Monday to discuss reopening rail links as part of the normalisation of relations between the two states. Diplomatic relations were reestablished May 18. Since then the two countries have reopened borders and connected electrical grids along their northern borders near the Mediterranean. An Algerian delegation arrived in Oujda, in northeastern Morocco Monday to discuss reopening the 30-kilometre railway connecting the town with the Algerian coastal city of Maghnia, according to a Moroccan government communiqué. Relations between the two countries were broken for 12 years over Algerian support for the Polisario guerrillas battling Morocco in the disputed Western Sahara.

Greece rebukes Turkish minister

ATHENS (R) — The Greek government rebuked Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz Monday for planning to visit the breakaway state of north Cyprus this week. "Every action underscoring the support given to the pseudo-state by Turkey is contrary to the efforts for a just solution in Cyprus," government spokesman Yannis Roubatis told reporters when asked to comment on Yilmaz's visit. Greek government sources said Athens saw Yilmaz's three-day visit, due to start Wednesday, as a provocation. They said it could undermine a U.N.-sponsored meeting between Cypriot President George Vassiliou and Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş in July for talks on reunifying Cyprus.

Amnesty approves of Libyan efforts

LONDON (AP) — Following a week-long visit to Libya by three Amnesty International delegates, the organisation announced Monday its approval of recent initiatives taken to improve human rights in that country. It said the delegates, Dr. Ezzat Abdul Fattah of Simon Fraser University in Canada and two members of Amnesty's International secretariat, met political, judicial, and security officials in Libya and observed a two-day extraordinary session of the General People's Congress. On June 12, the congress adopted a document restricting the scope of the death penalty, outlawing degrading punishments and ill-treatment of prisoners, and proclaiming the right to a fair trial, Amnesty said. On the same day, Muammar Qadhafi announced that Libya would ratify the universal declarations on human rights, the international covenants passed by the United Nations, and expressed regret that the death penalty had not yet been abolished. According to a text released by London-based Amnesty Monday, the delegates welcomed the changes in a speech before the congress itself.

Police probe second gunman theory in Ozal attack

ANKARA (R) — Turkish police will re-enact the attempted assassination of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to determine whether a second gunman was involved, security sources said Tuesday.

Captured gunman Kartal Demirag, shot in the arm and seized by police after Saturday's attack, will take part if he is fit enough to leave hospital in the next few days, they said.

Bursts of automatic fire were heard on television replays of the assassination bid and the sources said police had not ruled out the presence of a second gunman.

Officials said two shots were fired at Ozal from a range of 10 metres before escaped convict Demirag's World War I-vintage gun jammed.

A left-leaning daily quoted Demirag as telling police investigators he would have committed suicide if he had not been wounded after the attack.

It said a note found in his pocket read: "It will be either Ozal or me... one of us will die."

Demirag, an alleged member of the ultra-rightist Grey Wolves killer squad before the 1980 coup, was being held under heavy



Gunman Kartal Demirag lies on the ground after he was shot and wounded by police following his attack on Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal

security at Numune hospital. State security court prosecutor Nesrut Demiral said that Demirag was cool and calm under interrogation and showed no sign of remorse.

"If there was a conspiracy to assassinate the prime minister, it is possible that someone will try to kill Demirag," the source said.

Ozal, 60, was shot in the hand and a second bullet narrowly missed his head when he was addressing 5,000 members of his Motherland Party at a congress in Ankara's Ataturk Stadium.

Twenty people were wounded, 15 by gunshots, in panic and police shooting after the initial shots.

Some sources said Demirag might have planned to kill Ozal during the playing of the Turkish national anthem at the opening of

Kuwait plans massive defence purchases to counter Iranian threat

By Philip Shehadi
Reuters

KUWAIT — Exposed on the edge of the Gulf warzone, Kuwait is looking at a massive list of arms to give it the muscle to meet perceived threats from Iran, Western and Arab diplomats said.

Advanced F/A-18 fighter bombers Kuwait is seeking from the United States in a package worth \$1.9 billion are only one item on a long list of weaponry under review by Kuwait.

U.S. congressmen have expressed concern that the 40 F/A-18s may pose a threat to Israel. But the diplomats pointed out that Kuwait was far more concerned about the Iran-Iraq war, raging on its doorstep for nearly eight years.

Kuwait last year was the target of repeated Iranian missile attacks because of its support for Iraq and the diplomats said that while it wanted to stay out of the fighting it also wanted to build a credible deterrent to any future Iranian attack. Kuwait has a tiny army of only 12,000 men.

Iraq has won a string of victories on the southern front, but Iran may be re-organising and rearming for fresh fighting when the summer heat eases, Western diplomats said.

"Iran is gearing up to continue the war and pursue it in a better organised fashion, said one. "This is no time for Kuwait to let its guard down."

Lucrative contracts are likely to be spread among several different countries — including Egypt and the Soviet Union — in line with longstanding policy.

Since last October, when an Iranian Silkstorm shut down its main Gulf oil export terminal, Kuwait has been looking at air defence systems, patrol boats, minesweepers, helicopters, tanks, armoured personnel carriers (APCs) and 155-millimetre guns in the biggest procurement drive in a decade, the diplomats

said. The air force appears to have priority, but other sectors may place major orders within the next 18 months, they added.

Kuwait continues to provide financial aid to Iraq through the sale of "war relief" crude oil from the neutral zone it shares with Saudi Arabia.

It has been in the forefront of Arab and international moves to impose a global arms embargo against Iran to pressure it into accepting a United Nations ceasefire resolution.

Kuwait's refusal to release pro-Iranian militants jailed for bombings has also antagonised revolutionary Iran, which last week blasted "reactionary Arab sheikhs in the region," for portraying it as the main threat to the Arabs.

The U.S. Congress has until the end of July to block the proposed U.S. sale of F/A-18s, the U.S. navy's newest fighter never before sold to a non-Western state, and a total of 660 Harpoon, Sidewinder, Sparrow and Maverick missiles.

Alternatives and options The diplomats said if the deal fails to win congressional support, Kuwait would opt for the French-made Mirage 2000.

Kuwait now operates the less sophisticated Mirage F-1 and ageing U.S. F-4 Skyhawks. They said Kuwait had given priority to the U.S. plane because it is cheaper than the Mirage and sends a signal of appreciation to Washington for its protection of Kuwaiti oil tankers from Iranian attack in the Gulf.

Kuwait recently denied French

press reports that it was about to buy Mirage 2000s, and the diplomats said it was unlikely to buy both planes.

Another priority is air defence equipment to supplement the country's Soviet-made SAM-7 and U.S.-made Hawk missiles. The diplomats said Kuwait was leaning towards an Egyptian intermediate-range system, the Amoun, which consists of radar, guns and anti-aircraft missiles.

Kuwait was anxious to reward Egypt for its strong political support during last year's missile crisis with Iran, the diplomats said. Military cooperation with Egypt dates to the 1960s and some 50 Egyptian military advisers already work in Kuwait, they added.

Top contenders to supply new tanks are Britain and the Soviet Union, both of whose navies are also protecting Kuwaiti oil exports in the Gulf. At least four APCs are said to be under review — Britain's Warrior, Egypt's Fahd, the U.S. Bradley and the Soviet BMP2.

The diplomats said Kuwait is likely to add three or four French-made Super Puma helicopters to its existing fleet of five. It is also considering West German and Italian patrol boats and Dutch minesweepers, they added.

Saudi Arabia and the U.S. helped Kuwait, which has no minesweepers, clear the shipping channel to its main Mina Al Ahmadi oil port last year when mines were found. Iran was accused of planting them.

The diplomats said it was not yet clear how much money Kuwait was willing to allocate to military procurement this year and how fast it would proceed with items other than the F/A-18s.

The Dutch government gave the go-ahead almost a year ago to the proposed minesweeper sale after Kuwait expressed interest, but there has been no recent follow-up, the diplomats said.

Israel threatens strike if Syria deploys new Chinese M-9 missiles

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel will strike Syrian missile sites if Damascus deploys new surface-to-surface missiles it reportedly is buying from China, Israel's chief of staff said Monday.

But Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron also downplayed the immediate threat of the missiles, saying Syria mainly sought the new weapons as a deterrent against an Israeli attack.

The weekly news magazine Newsweek this week quoted an unidentified senior Reagan administration official as saying China planned to sell Syria its newest M-9 missiles which have a range of 600 kilometres.

"If they haven't signed already, it's only days away," the official was quoted as saying.

Syria can already hit most Israeli cities with its Soviet-made

Frog-7, SS-1 and SS-21 surface-to-surface missiles which have a range of 60, 270 and 100 kilometres respectively.

Israel Television said the new M-9 missiles could be placed deeper inside Syrian territory, making retaliation more difficult.

"The role of this weapon in the arsenal of the Arab states, especially of Syria, is to deter us (in case of war) from continuing our attack that would lead to the collapse of the Syrian army," Shomron said in a speech at Haifa University.

Shomron said the M-9 missiles could not decide the outcome of a war, but that, especially if equipped with chemical warheads, could cause extensive damage.

Shomron said Israel would respond to the deployment of such missiles in various ways, includ-

ing an attack on the Syrian missile sites.

"In addition, we also have the ability to develop means of intercepting surface-to-surface missiles," he was quoted as saying by Israel Television.

Israel is working with the United States on an anti-tactical ballistic missile as part of the strategic defence initiative programme.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told parliament's defence and foreign affairs committee that Israel was doing everything possible to prevent the missiles from reaching Syria, Israeli radio said.

The report did not elaborate. Israel reportedly has developed its own surface-to-surface missile, the Jericho, which has a range of 1,500 kilometres. Israeli officials refuse to confirm these reports.

Rebels report 8,000 Iranian casualties

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by the NLA could not be independently confirmed. But reporters saw more than 1,500 Iranian prisoners brought to Badrah Monday, according to the AP.

Earlier NLA communiques estimate the Iranian strength around Mehran at 14,000 government troops and Revolutionary Guards.

The NLA did not say how many fighters it had committed to the battle for Mehran, but its assault force involved an estimated several thousand men and women.

The rebels admitted that they had lost at least 57 dead and 120 badly wounded.

The Mehran offensive was the NLA's biggest operation since it was formed a year ago by Masoud Rajavi, leader of the Mujahadeen. It is the main Iranian dissident movement that seeks to topple Khomeini's government.

The rebels said their gunners shot down an Iranian air force Cobra helicopter gunship Monday.

Mehran itself was lightly held and resistance was minimal, but

fighting around positions in the foothills of the Kani Sakht mountains to the north was reported fierce.

The rebels began moving massive huge amounts of captured military equipment back across the border to Badrah Monday.

Scores of tanks, artillery pieces, anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons, tons of small arms, machine guns and other equipment were being dumped in a huge holding area.

The road was filled with trucks hauling the booty westward into Iraq the AP reported.

Iran said drawing up plan to free Britons

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visiting him after being granted a visa June 7 while the embassy compensation talks were under way in London.

"Later this year and subject to good relations," the radio said, "Tehran will consider leaning on Iranian-backed gunmen in Beirut" to free British television journalist John McCarthy followed by teacher Brian Keenan.

"The source said Terry Waite will be the last to be released after the American presidential elections in November," the

radio said.

The four British politicians met an Iraqi opposition leader in Tehran Tuesday, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

It said Mohammad Baqer

Hakim told them Britain should revise its relations with the Iraqi government.

IRNA said the British team called for improved relations between Iran and Britain.

2 Palestinians wounded

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two Israeli soldiers were wounded when a petrol bomb hit their patrol Monday night, the army said. Caravans continued in Tul-karem refugee camp and Anabta village, all in the West Bank, and

in the Khan Younis and Bureij camps, both in Gaza.

Israeli radio said a Jewish resident of Tiberias was wounded seriously in a fight with Palestinians from Jenin refugee camp which is under curfew.

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Dollar, stocks steady

LONDON (R) — The dollar was steady and stocks moved little Tuesday as investors seemed to shrug off a promised West German interest rate increase they had feared might shake the world's money markets.

Top officials at the Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations summit in Toronto were quick to reassure investors that a West German rise would not signal an international round of interest rate hikes, or a U.S.-German conflict over monetary policy like the last October which helped set off the crash of 87.

The dollar held steady at about 1.7575 Deutschmarks and 126.40 yen, despite the West German central bank move to raise a key rate — the Bundesbank's so-called "repo" rate — at which it provides funds to the nation's banks.

"Market rates have already run away from the Bundesbank. The repo rate should go up to 3.75 at least," a Frankfurt currency dealer said. The Bundesbank raised the repo rate to 3.5 per cent from 3.25 per cent.

Dealers said they were still unsure if Britain would follow West Germany's lead and push interest rates higher.

And interest rate jitters still depressed Tokyo, the world's largest stock market, which

closed hours before the West German rate hike.

Investors worry that costlier borrowing will cut into companies' profits and make it harder to sell goods on credit.

They have been watching the Toronto summit for any sign that leaders of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada may have agreed to tighten credit.

In Toronto, a senior West German official said Monday his country planned to nudge the repo rate higher after keeping it steady since the crash. He did give a timing for the rise, but his remarks defused growing market speculation on the subject.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy, who was also in Toronto, said he was not surprised by the West German increase, adding that he expected the move because of the country's preoccupation with inflation.

He said it did not mean other rates would rise.

In France, he said, "the economic environment is still conducive to envisaging a cut in interest

rates in the coming weeks."

Although in theory, higher interest rates should attract funds to West German bank accounts and bonds and so buoy the mark, the West German currency slipped half a pfennig to trade at 3.14 to the British pound sterling.

The repo rate was last increased on Oct. 14, when its rise to 3.85 per cent from 3.75 per cent provoked an angry public reaction from U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker.

The United States had wanted faster West German economic growth and felt that needed low West German rates.

Baker's anger in October unsettled investors, who feared that international accords to steady financial markets were breaking down. On Oct. 19, "Black Monday," Wall Street shares fell by 22.6 per cent, as the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 508 points.

In Toronto Monday, Baker said a West German rate hike now would be "consistent with all (Group of Seven) understandings."

Bundesbank board member Leonhard Gleske agreed.

"You've read the comments of Baker, who clearly said that it is consistent. I can only underline this," he said.

Al Rajhi share flotation oversubscribed five times

BAHRAIN (R) — A \$22.5 million (386 million) share flotation for Saudi Arabia's biggest money changer Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corp closed Monday more than five times oversubscribed.

The offering completes a major step in the company's transition to a commercial bank.

The Consulting Centre for Finance and Investment, the issue's organisers, said the subscription's final tally would not be finished for another two weeks, but a preliminary count showed it more than five times oversubscribed.

"It is not surprising," said Abdul Aziz Al Dukheil, president of the consulting centre. "The company has had a good

name over a long period."

Dukheil told Reuters by telephone from Riyadh that investor enthusiasm had been increased by Al Rajhi's identity as an Islamic bank that will not deal in interest, banned by Islamic law. He said several formulae for allocation of the shares would be presented to the ministry of commerce to make final decision.

"We will generally try to tilt toward smaller shareholders and spread shares as widely as possible," he said.

Al Rajhi will have capital of 750 million riyals (\$200 million). Shares were offered to the public at the face value of 100 riyals (\$27) each, while stock worth 427.5 million riyals (\$114 million)

had already been privately placed with 132 founding shareholders.

The company was granted a full banking licence earlier this year. When it completes its transition it will be the third largest bank in the kingdom in terms of assets and the largest in terms of branches.

The Rajhi flotation, which began May 22, was the kingdom's third since the beginning of the year.

Taiba Co. for Investments and Real Estate Development floated 300 million riyals (\$80 million) of shares in March. In April, Al Jouf Agricultural Development Co. had a 149.1 million riyal (\$40 million) offering.

Officials agree on commodity indicators to monitor inflation

TORONTO (R) — Finance ministers at the Toronto economic summit have agreed to include two commodity price indicators in a bag of data they use to monitor economic trends, a senior West German government official said.

The Group of Seven industrial nations already monitor key economic indicators, such as the balance of trade and the expansion of gross national product.

Now, they will also watch trends in two baskets of prices for commodities, including gold and oil, to get an idea of the risk of inflation.

The West German official, who declined to be identified, said only one would include oil prices.

Both would include prevailing gold prices, but the role for gold was small in both cases.

In arriving at a number to

measure inflation, the first basket would give a 50 per cent weighting for oil and just five per cent for gold. The non-oil basket would give gold a weighting of 10 per cent.

The West German official, repeating the standard West German position, stressed that Bonn was not opposed to using indicators to monitor economic trends as long as they did not imply any commitment on the part of governments to act.

West Germany has agreed to have commodity price indicators, even though it has in the past warned against overrating commodity prices as a measure of inflation.

Sugar prices soar

LONDON (R) — Sugar prices rose to their highest level in 49 years in London Monday, boosted by reports that China was buying and that major producer Cuba might have difficulties keeping to its shipment schedules, dealers said.

The so-called "London daily raws price," a world benchmark,

jumped \$14.40 a tonne, or 5.6 per cent, to \$272. Strong demand is one reason for the rise.

Dealers said China bought as much as 100,000 tonnes of raw sugar last week, bringing purchases so far this year to nearly 3.5 million tonnes.

Tight supplies have also been buoying prices.

Major Jordanian companies plan significant expansions

The following is the third of four articles on Jordan's economic potential published by the Asian Wall Street Journal to coincide with a visit by a Jordanian delegation, headed by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to Japan last month.

JORDAN's major extractive industry, phosphates and potash, both have significant expansion plans on the drawing boards which will increase production and profits in the 1990s.

"The export of phosphate rocks is the single most important item in Jordan's export list," says Wasef Azar, managing director of Jordan Phosphate Mines Co. (JPMC).

"Taken together, phosphates, potash and phosphatic fertilizers comprise more than half of the country's total exports, excluding re-exports. In the past four to five years, exports of these products have averaged \$320 million a year," Azar points out.

Phosphates are by far the largest foreign exchange earner for Jordan.

In 1987, JPMC produced 6.85 million tonnes of phosphates, and exports reached 5.54 million tonnes last year, up from 5.2 million tonnes in 1986. Jordan is the third-largest phosphate exporter after Morocco and the U.S., selling to more than 30 countries.

In 1988 we expect exports from JPMC alone to reach \$310 million. The three industries expect combined exports this year of \$420 million," Azar says. "As part of JPMC's 10-year development plan started in 1987, we plan for production of phosphate rock and phosphatic fertilizers to reach 10 million tonnes by 1996."

Phosphates for export are transported from Jordan's three

mines to Aqaba, where the company has processing facilities. These facilities will be expanded to increase production of phosphoric acid and fertilizers, with the latter item representing the largest portion of the increment.

"This will give us more balanced production. JPMC will export more raw materials and finished products, and we will achieve more value added for our activities," the managing director explains.

The development of a new phosphate mine at Eshidiya is expected to give excellent returns on investment because the area's production costs will be much less than those in other mining areas. Production start-up is planned for the second half of this year, with a capacity of 1.5 million tonnes annually, to be increased by 1990 to three million tonnes a year.

The World Bank has provided financing for Eshidiya construction and equipment valued at \$31 million, \$200 million has come from Jordanian resources, and JPMC probably will get money from the Arab Development Fund and the Kuwait Development Fund for the project, Azar says.

Future plans include financing from Japanese companies for capital expansion projects. The company is one of the few Jordanian firms to have well-established relations with Japanese firms.

"We're looking for two things

— Japanese financing for mining, fertilizers and other projects and the possibility of using a new process system from Japan which we are discussing with one of their companies," Azar explains.

JPMC also is investigating the possibility of setting up joint ventures for production of phosphoric acid with India, the United Arab Emirates and the USSR.

Arab Potash Co. (APC), a pan-Arab company, is planning further major expansion and optimisation, costing about \$125 million. It will introduce the cold crystallisation process to increase production from 1.4 million tonnes, next year's estimated output, to two million tonnes in 1995, according to Suleiman Hawari, deputy general manager.

The company expects to exceed its design capacity this year by producing 1.3 million tonnes. The new process will save energy and capital costs. Production from the expansion is scheduled to start in 1993.

"Now our fixed costs are very high, about 85 per cent of our total costs. An increase in tonnage volume will reduce production costs and give us an advantage on prices. We already have a logistical advantage because of the location of the port of Aqaba. Our lower freight costs give APC an edge over other potash suppliers in key markets in Asia, such as India, Malaysia and Indonesia," Hawari explains.

APC sells its product to more than 20 countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America, where it has penetrated the Brazilian market. As production volume increases, the company has plans to further diversify its markets.

Oil prices fall sharply

NEW YORK (R) — Ample supplies of oil on world markets sliced 40 cents off the price of a barrel of crude Monday, leaving West Texas Intermediate at a three-month low of \$16.

Much of the day's activity centred on the fast-paced futures market where the July contract fell briefly below \$16 a barrel for the first time since March 17.

The July contract expires Tuesday and traders were rushing to close their positions rather than have to take actual delivery of the petroleum.

"It reflects the surplus physical

supplies," a trader said. The July delivery contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange finished down 45 cents a barrel at \$16.

The cash market followed futures, falling 41 cents to \$16.01 for oil put in the pipeline next month. But futures contracts for delivery later in the year posted smaller losses.

The market had become overbought since the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC's) mid-year meeting that ended last week in Vienna after

members decided to extend their existing production ceiling until the end of the year, traders said.

Some analysts say that the group's move may not have been sufficient and that it needs to reduce output for the second half of the year if the oil market is to be stabilised.

OPEC members extended their 1988 first-half quota of 15.8 million barrels per day (b/d) for 12 of the 13 members, but doubts persist whether OPEC members can limit production to their national quota levels.

Egypt to keep low dollar rate

CAIRO (R) — Egypt told a visiting International Monetary Fund (IMF) delegation Monday it could not abolish an artificially low dollar rate now used to subsidise food for the poor.

"It is difficult for Egypt at present to raise the central bank rate of 0.70 pounds to the dollar," Economy Minister Youssri Mustapha told the Middle East

News Agency after talks with Paul Chabrier, a senior IMF official.

"We use this rate to finance food supplies for the benefit of the poor," he added.

State subsidies on basic goods were put at 1.8 billion pounds (\$783 million) in the budget for the fiscal year starting in July. Switching such purchases to the

current market rate of about 2.25 pounds to the dollar would raise costs, economists said, and invite a recurrence of bloody riots which swept Egypt in 1977 and forced the government to revoke price increases.

The IMF mission is reviewing economic reform measures by Egypt, which needs a favourable IMF verdict in order to reschedule more of its foreign debts.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

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	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	1637396	JD 691681	864
Top three companies:			
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing, and Publishing	222900	JD 162802	109
Petra Enterprises and Leasing	549343	JD 115751	163
Equipment			
International Contracting and Investment	426532	JD 103198	133
Parallel market:	12127	JD 4523	—
Development bonds:	1870	JD 20051	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Solid profit-taking wiped out most of Monday's gains in the Australian share market and resources were hardest hit. One broker said: "The market's running out of steam." The All Ordinaries Index fell 16.2 points to 1,602.0.

TOKYO — Shares closed sharply lower in moderate trade for the second straight day as brokers expressed fears of inflation and rising interest rates. The Nikkei Index fell 213.46 points, or 0.76 per cent to 27,925.57.

HONG KONG — Share prices closed lower as investors showed caution on likely firmer worldwide interest rates. The Hang Seng Index closed 35.41 points, 1.3 per cent, down at 2,683.65.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed lower over a broad front on profit-taking in a sharp reaction to a 213-point plunge on the Tokyo stock market. The Straits Times Industrial Index fell 1.32 per cent or 14 points to 1,058.07.

BOMBAY — Share prices fell on a broad front on heavy selling triggered by rumours of a cabinet shake-up.

FRANKFURT — Prices rose by around one per cent in moderate trading, shuffling off news the Bundesbank was raising its key securities repurchase rate to 3.50 from 3.25 per cent and overnight declines on Wall Street and in Tokyo. The Commerzbank 60-share Index rose 15.7 points or 1.1 per cent to 1,438.

ZURICH — The stock market improved from opening levels and closed little changed to slightly higher as registered shares showed small gains. The All-Share Swiss Index was up 2.33 points to 863.81.

PARIS — French share prices ended easier, but off their highs, with trading interest dampened by the end of the account period and the prospect of another strike by bourse employees. The 50-share bourse indicator closed 0.48 per cent lower.

LONDON — Revived speculative demand combined with a higher Wall Street opening to push equities to the day's highs. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 15 points up at 1,859.

NEW YORK — Stocks levelled off at their higher levels from early buying. Brokers said buying was prompted by bargain hunting and a sign from the Bank of England that the base rate will not be raised. The Dow Jones 30 index was up 10 at 2094.

Reagan hails U.S.-Japan accord on beef and citrus

TORONTO (R) — President Reagan Monday welcomed a U.S. accord with Japan on beef and citrus imports and said it would strengthen relations between Washington and Tokyo.

"I am pleased that Prime Minister Takeshita's government has joined us in liberalising agricultural trade," Reagan said in a statement released at the Toronto economic summit.

"This important achievement strengthens the U.S.-Japan relationship and demonstrates our mutual commitment to an open trading system," the president added.

Spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the agreement, signed in Tokyo Monday, called for a

phaseout of Japanese import quotas on U.S. beef products and fresh oranges over a three-year period.

Quotas on U.S. orange juice would be eliminated within four years, he said.

"Japan will have the privilege of temporarily raising duties on beef products to certain specified levels during a second three year adjustment period at the end of which the Japanese beef market will be fully liberalised," Fitzwater told reporters.

The White House official said that over the next two years, Japan's market for imported American beef would increase 60,000 tonnes a year, reaching 394,000 tonnes in fiscal 1990.

"By 1991, Japan's beef imports should nearly double from current levels," he said. "Once Japan's market is completely liberalised, we expect the value of United States beef exports to double, at least to more than \$1 billion a year."

Takeshita said in a statement that was also released here that his government would take steps to ensure domestic beef and citrus producers were not forced out of business by the new pact.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Referee arrives in wrong town

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP) — Romanian soccer referee Ion Igna arrived Monday for the European Championships semifinals — in the wrong town for the wrong game. Igna was picked to be the referee of Tuesday's semifinal between West Germany and The Netherlands in Hamburg. Instead, Igna arrived Monday in Stuttgart, where the Soviet Union plays Italy Wednesday in the second semifinal. The mistake was discovered when Igna and his two Romanian henchmen, Stefan dan Petrescu and Ion Crajonescu, wanted to check into "their" hotel in Stuttgart. Tournament officials said the three were given wrong airline tickets in Frankfurt. They were quickly given new tickets and flew to Hamburg later Monday. The referee for Wednesday's game in Stuttgart is Alexis Ponnet of Belgium.

Cowans rejoins Aston Villa after 3 years

LONDON (R) — Ex-England soccer international Gordon Cowans has rejoined his former club, Aston Villa, for £250,000 (\$447,000) after three years with Italian side Bari. Cowans, 29, has signed a three-year contract with Villa, who won promotion to the first division last season. "I'm very happy to be returning to Villa," Cowans said.

Barcelona profits cut by 75 per cent

BARCELONA, Spain (R) — Barcelona soccer club has suffered its worst financial season in five years with profits for 1987-88 less than a quarter those for the previous year, club treasurer Carles Tusquets said Monday. Tusquets told reporters the club's 1987-88 profits would be under 100 million pesetas (\$860,000) compared with 425 million pesetas (\$3.6 million) the previous season. Tusquets attributed the poor results to dwindling numbers of spectators as Barcelona struggled to finish sixth in the league, although they won the Spanish Cup to clinch a place in European competition next year.

Ehlvest moves into tie with Kasparov

BELFORT, France (AP) — Joan Ehlvest of the Soviet Union defeated Johann Hjartarson of Iceland Monday and moved into a first-place tie with World Chess champion Garry Kasparov in the World Cup chess challenge. Kasparov, who had moved into the lead Sunday, drew his sixth-round match with Jonathan Speelman of Britain. The results left Ehlvest and Kasparov with 4.5 points each.

Concacaf bans Mexican youth squad

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — The Mexican national youth team has been banned from next year's World Championship by the Northern, Central American and Caribbean Soccer Federation (Concacaf). Four Mexicans played in a qualifying tournament while over the age limit of 18. Concacaf secretary Carlos Carrera told a news conference Monday. In addition, nine members of the Mexican federation's national council, including the president, Rafael del Castillo were suspended for life from any activity related to soccer.

Lendl, Cash and Becker overpower first-round Wimbledon opponents

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Defending champion Pat Cash, top-seeded Ivan Lendl and two-time champion Boris Becker overpowered their first-round opponents Monday at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

Lendl and Becker each served 20 aces, while Cash used a potent service return to win their matches at the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

Cash, playing the first match on centre court, downed 17-year-old Todd Woodbridge of Australia. Lendl beat David Felgate of Britain 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 and Becker defeated John Frawley of Australia 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Lendl, runner-up at Wimbledon the past two years, breezed past Felgate in 84 minutes before early evening showers caused a one-hour rain delay.

"I just couldn't pick his serves up," said Felgate, ranked 362nd in the world. "I couldn't figure where they were going. I tried everything, but it didn't make any difference. He was just pounding them down."

Cash had only one ace against Woodbridge, but his service returns were deadly.

"I just returned so well today and that set everything up," Cash said. "The court is pretty slow, so you have some time to get the ball back."

Becker, the champion in 1985 and 1986, overcame three break points in the final game against Frawley and closed out the match with an ace.

"The way it started today, I think I should be very satisfied," said Becker, who was upset in the second round last year by Peter Doodhan. "It could not get any better than that."

Lendl, a natural baseliner who has never felt comfortable on grass, was pleased with his opening-round play.

"I served quite well, which I didn't do in practice," said Lendl, who appeared to be recovered from a shoulder strain suffered during a quarterfinal loss at the French Open.

"I didn't have to hit many volleys and the few times that I did, they were pretty easy."

Other seeded players advancing to the second round were No. 3 Stefan Edberg of Sweden, No. 7 Henri Leconte of France, No. 10 Tim Mayotte, No. 11 Anders Jarryd of Sweden, No. 13 Emilio Sanchez of Spain and No. 15 Amos Mansdorf.

The only seeded player to lose on opening day was No. 7 Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, who was beaten by Pascale Paradis of France 6-4, 6-3. In other women's matches, No. 12 Zina Garrison beat fellow American Wendy White 6-3, 6-1 and No. 14 Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria beat Anne Simkin of Britain 6-1, 6-0.

The showers and a couple of long matches backed up the schedule and forced officials to postpone 10 contests, including fifth-seeded Jimmy Connors' opener against Leif Shiras of the United States.

Arantxa Sanchez, who upset Chris Evert in the third round of the French Open, was eliminated by Kumiko Okamoto of Japan 6-3, 6-4. Sanchez' brothers also played, and made history.

Emilio beat his younger brother, Javier, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. It was the first time since 1898 that brothers had played each other at Wimbledon.

Most of the women's seeds, including No. 1 Steffi Graf and eight-time champion Martina Navratilova, begin play Tuesday, as does second-seeded Mats Wilander, who like Graf is halfway to a Grand Slam after winning the Australian and French opens.

Baseball Standings

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league standings after Monday's games.

American League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	41	26	.612	—
New York	40	26	.606	½
Cleveland	38	29	.574	2½
Milwaukee	36	33	.522	6
Boston	33	32	.508	7
Toronto	34	36	.486	8½
Baltimore	18	50	.263	23½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	43	25	.632	—
Minnesota	37	29	.561	5
Kansas City	36	32	.532	7½
Texas	33	35	.485	10
Chicago	30	37	.448	12½
California	29	40	.420	14½
Seattle	26	44	.371	16

National League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	43	24	.642	—
Pittsburgh	38	30	.559	5½
Chicago	36	31	.537	7
St. Louis	34	34	.500	9½
Montreal	32	35	.478	11
Philadelphia	29	37	.438	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	38	29	.567	—
Houston	36	32	.529	2½
Cincinnati	33	35	.485	5½
San Francisco	33	35	.485	5½
San Diego	30	40	.429	9½
Atlanta	23	43	.348	14½

Iraq advances to quarterfinals of President's Cup

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Iraq's Olympic soccer team beat the Argentine pro club Gimnasia 3-1 Monday night for its second victory with no losses. Iraq now advances to the quarterfinals of the President's Cup tournament.

The Soviet and South Korean Olympic teams already have qualified for the quarterfinals. A total of 16 teams from 15 countries entered the competition.

In another group D match in Anyang, just south of Seoul, a Hungarian first division selection edged South Korea's junior team 2-1 for its first victory against one draw.

In group B action in Pusan on the southern coast, Peru's Sporting Cristal and a Czechoslovak first division selection fought to a 1-1 draw and Yugoslavia's Velez and a Turkish national selection also tied 1-1.

The Yugoslavs and Czechoslovaks now have identical records of one win against no losses with one draw, while the Peruvian and Turkish teams, both winless, each have one draw and one loss.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Olympic squad meets Britain's Queens' Park Rangers and the Soviet Union plays the Nigerian Olympic team in Kumli, south of Seoul, while Mexico's Atlas Club takes on the South Korean Olympic team and the Zambian Olympic squad faces a team of players from Italy's C League, both in Seoul.

The United States, Zambia and the South Korean junior selection, all winless, have been ousted from contention, regardless of the outcome of their remaining preliminary games.

Van Basten goal puts Dutch into final

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) — An opportunist goal from striker Marco Van Basten in the 89th minute put The Netherlands into the final of the European Championship Tuesday.

Van Basten's fourth goal of the tournament gave the Dutch a deserved 2-1 win over hosts West Germany in a thrilling action-packed game.

Both earlier goals came from penalties. The West Germans went ahead through Lothar Matthaus in the 55th minute after Juergen Klinsmann was brought down in the box by Frank Rijkaard.

But Ronald Koeman put them level in the 74th minute after Van

Basten was felled by Juergen Kohler.

The Dutch victory was sweet revenge for their 2-1 defeat by West Germany in the 1974 World Cup Final in Munich.

The match turned out to be an ironic reversal of the 1974 final when the Dutch went ahead through a penalty and the West Germans equalized from the spot.

Van Basten's winner recalled Gerd Muller's victory goal in

Munich too. The tall striker latched on to a pass from Jan Wouters on the right of the box before twisting and firing home with a low right-footed shot to the far post.

Jan Wouters threaded a pass through the German defence and Van Basten, who had missed a much easier chance near the end of the first half, rifled a low shot past German goalkeeper Eike Immel from 12 metres out.

The result was the first Dutch victory over the Germans since 1956. One of the ten winless games since then for the Dutch was the 1974 World Cup Final in Munich, when the Germans triumphed 2-1.

Young Italians fight for final berth, glory and rich bonus

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP) — Soccer glory and rich bonuses are waiting for the young Italian team which is shooting for a berth in the June 25 final of the European Championships when it meets the Soviet Union Wednesday.

Italian players have already tasted a bit of both by gaining a place in the last four, something that was less than expected at home. And they have demonstrated offensive, entertaining soccer that has won them praise from experts and fans.

By reaching Wednesday's semifinal, each Italian player has already earned 80 million lire (\$66,000). Federation officials said Monday a place in the final and a possible title would be

worth at least 100 million lire (\$85,000) in extra prize money to each player.

The other semifinal in Hamburg Tuesday evening pits home team West Germany against The Netherlands.

Italian manager Azeglio Vicini said his young players were hungry for international fame rather than money in what for many of them is the first major competition.

A more immediate worry, Vicini said, is the powerful Soviet team, dubbed by Italian newspapers the "Red Orchestra" for its excellent teamwork and cohesion.

Vicini said the Soviet Union is one of only four teams to hold a

positive record against Italy — three wins, two losses and two draws.

"We want to make the number of wins even on Wednesday," said Vicini who, however, has been warning his players against any untimely overconfidence.

"They can be proud of having reached the semifinal, after starting as a second-rated team. Now they are faced with the most difficult matches of the competition."

The Italian manager and his Soviet counterpart Valery Lobanovskii both downplayed the 4-1 victory scored by the Italian team in an exhibition against the Soviets in Bari, southern Italy, last February.

Lakers eye history books in today's NBA finals

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) — The National Basketball Association's (NBA) team of the '80s is playing for more than just a title. The Los Angeles Lakers are seeking a special place in history and the right to be called "great."

They say they will have neither if they lose the decisive seventh game of the NBA finals Tuesday night against the Detroit Pistons — whose star player, Isiah Thomas, probably will miss the game with a sprained ankle.

The Lakers can enhance their decade of dominance and fulfill their coach's guarantee of consecutive championships by denying Detroit its first crown.

"If we win it, we will have earned our spot in the recent history of basketball," Los Angeles coach Pat Riley said Monday. "We have been the dominant team of the '80s and if we win, we will have earned that appreciation."

The Lakers won three of the first seven titles this decade. But no team has repeated as champions since the 1969 Boston Celtics.

On Monday, with his players perhaps one day from accomplishing that, Lakers coach Pat

Riley said his team's goal is to win a World Championship and its mission is intangible.

"What that is," he said, "is what we're playing for greatness."

The Lakers have won 10 titles, five of them since moving from Minneapolis in 1960.

The Pistons would be happy with one.

They are in their first final since they moved to Detroit in 1957 and haven't won a championship since they joined the NBA as the FT. Wayne Pistons in 1948.

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**
♠ 72 ♠ A J 3 ♠ A J 7 2 ♠ 10 4
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?
- Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**
♠ 7 6 3 ♠ Q 5 4 ♠ A Q 10
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♠ DM Pass ?
What do you bid now?
- Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**
♠ A K 7 ♠ Q K 6 ♠ 9 5 ♠ K Q 10 9 3
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
- Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**
♠ J 10 7 3 2 ♠ Q K 3 ♠ A 9 5 4 3
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?
- Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**
♠ K Q 7 5 2 ♠ Q K 7 ♠ A Q 8 5
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
What action do you take?
- Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**
♠ Q 7 4 ♠ 8 5 3 ♠ J 8 7 2 ♠ 7 4 2
Partner opens the bidding with two no trump. What action do you take?

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Wright Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Care should be exercised in relations with others, since there is potential for dispute. Make a special point to take care of your health and get plenty of rest. Work hard to avoid delays in plans.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Friends who are ordinarily quite cooperative are too busy with their own affairs to help you now. Be careful not to abuse loved ones today.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): Leased energies may make it hard to get started today, but apply yourself seriously anyway. New information brightens the evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): A creative idea need prove prohibitively time-consuming, but persevere. Be understanding of moodiness in a close friend.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21): Lack of co-operation among kin might put plans on hold. This is not the time to deal with casual associates. Finish old business.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21): Check yourself so as not to hurt another's feelings. Be sure travel plans are accurate. Rest, renew energies.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Be wary of financial advice that may be well-intended but faulty. Don't take on a new expense. Now is the time to pursue a new love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23): Recent thoughts about radical change may warrant second thoughts. Your present unhappiness may emanate from unexplored sources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 21): Postpone discussion of private plans. Break a rut by cultivating a new friendship. Keep temperance smooth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Inner resources and independent goals should be prioritized. Not a good time to take social risk. Practice restraint with money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Emphasis on following rules and being conscientious. Others have critical eyes on you. Settle credit matters in amicable manner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Put off a pie-in-the-sky dream so that you can devote energy to urgent matter. It's an ideal time to make phone calls, write important personal letters.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20): Mutual benefits will be realized if you defer to your mate on an important financial decision. Indulge others.

THE Daily Crossword by Donald A. Grant

ACROSS

- Li Abner
- Plains
- Stagnant
- negative
- Kind of last
- Legal term
- "Lou Grant"
- Hip bones
- A Chaplin
- Perfumed
- James Bond
- movie
- Small abodes
- Celtic sea god
- Stupified
- Wife of
- Celtic
- Article
- Take place
- Short measure
- Sp. ladies' abbr.
- "... of the Third Kind"
- Rattler
- Solid food
- Use a
- scaphoid
- Citizen of
- Summer
- quenchers
- Keeps clear of
- Small fish
- Kind of bridge
- Matthew
- Burns movie
- Dingy dwelling
- Before gee or
- swine
- Old Gr. coin
- Powerless
- US playwright
- Father
- Hawaiian
- poose
- Map — tung
- Boil slowly

DOWN

- Slitcap
- A Gurlie
- Duo
- Theater
- Portals
- Plethorous
- Command to
- Fido
- For merchant
- Privy to
- Blackest girl
- Low card
- Soliloquy
- Nipples
- Slazens
- Rest or Yale
- It game
- Brilliance
- Oatmeal quick bread
- Pecunians of
- Highlander
- Groove pattern
- Author Bret
- Road curves
- Arrow pattern
- Foreman of a kind
- Gar. port
- Variable stars
- Grown-up
- Newman Pyle
- Biddies
- Song of lamentation
- Seamy
- Shrop
- Uniform
- Roasting rod
- 50 Newspaper item
- Long ago
- Killed

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS: 1. LITABER, 2. PLAINS, 3. STAGNANT, 4. NEGATIVE, 5. KIND OF LAST, 6. LEGAL TERM, 7. "LOU GRANT", 8. HIP BONES, 9. A CHAPLIN, 10. PERFUMED, 11. JAMES BOND, 12. MOVIE, 13. SMALL ABODES, 14. CELTIC SEA GOD, 15. STUPIDIFIED, 16. WIFE OF, 17. CELTIC, 18. ARTICLE, 19. TAKE PLACE, 20. SHORT MEASURE, 21. SP. LADIES' ABBR., 22. "... OF THE THIRD KIND", 23. RATTLER, 24. SOLID FOOD, 25. USE A, 26. SCAPHOID, 27. CITIZEN OF, 28. SUMMER, 29. QUENCHERS, 30. KEEPS CLEAR OF, 31. SMALL FISH, 32. KIND OF BRIDGE, 33. MATTHEW, 34. BURNS MOVIE, 35. DINGY DWELLING, 36. BEFORE GEE OR, 37. SWINE, 38. OLD GR. COIN, 39. POWERLESS, 40. US PLAYWRIGHT, 41. FATHER, 42. HAWAIIAN, 43. POOSE, 44. MAP — TUNG, 45. BOIL SLOWLY.

DOWN: 1. SLITCAP, 2. A GURLIE, 3. DUO, 4. THEATER, 5. PORTALS, 6. PLETHOROUS, 7. COMMAND TO, 8. FIDO, 9. FOR MERCHANT, 10. PRIVY TO, 11. BLACKEST GIRL, 12. LOW CARD, 13. SOLILOQUY, 14. NIPPLES, 15. SLAZENS, 16. REST OR YALE, 17. IT GAME, 18. BRILLIANCE, 19. OATMEAL QUICK BREAD, 20. PECUNIANS OF, 21. HIGHLANDER, 22. GROOVE PATTERN, 23. AUTHOR BRET, 24. ROAD CURVES, 25. ARROW PATTERN, 26. FOREMAN OF A KIND, 27. GAR. PORT, 28. VARIABLE STARS, 29. GROWN-UP, 30. NEWMAN PYLE, 31. BIDDIES, 32. SONG OF LAMENTATION, 33. SEAMY, 34. SHROP, 35. UNIFORM, 36. ROASTING ROD, 37. 50 NEWSPAPER ITEM, 38. LONG AGO, 39. KILLED.

THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



"One-day late charge: \$275! Forgetting to rewind the tape: \$800! Aggravation charge: \$300!..."

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

YINKK

BRIHC

EDDOMO

INGOHM

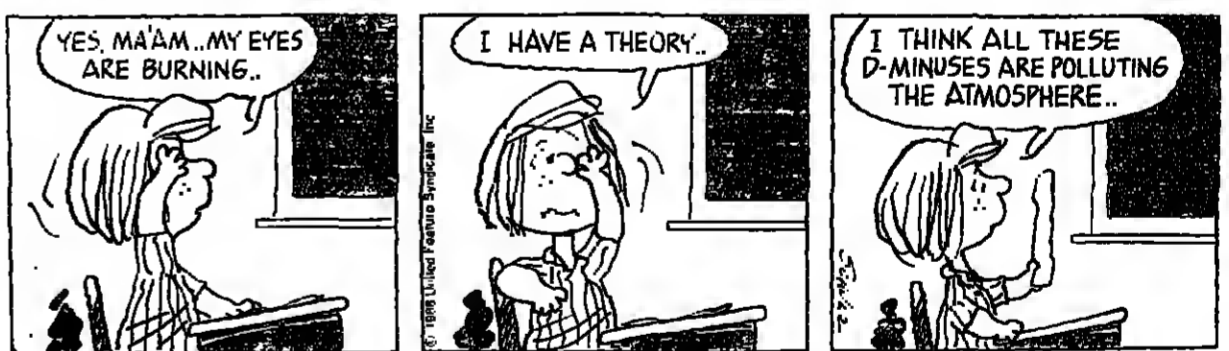
Answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRAIN CRUSH WISDOM HECTIC

Answer: What that "gorgeous" at the beach must have been — A "SAND WITCH"

Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



Calm returns to Haiti amid Namphy moves to tighten grip on power

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitians ventured back into the streets Tuesday after a military coup returned Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy to power after four months of civilian rule.

Some telephone service was restored after being cut Monday. The streets filled with cars and people in the morning after being nearly deserted the previous morning.

Scattered gunfire was heard in the streets overnight and into the dawn, but there were no signs of factional fighting. Soldiers have often fired their weapons into the air to frighten civilians from the streets since the Sunday coup.

Namphy reestablished military rule by decree and named his own government. Monday just hours after rallying troops, who seized the national palace and quickly ousted President Leslie Manigat's civilian government.

The ex-president, a 57-year-old former political science professor, was expelled with his family in the Dominican Republic, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

He issued a statement through a spokesman saying he was unhurt and would soon speak to reporters. Dominican government sources said Manigat might travel to Venezuela, where he had been offered political asylum and lived in exile in the late 1970s.

There were no reported protests in the arid, mountainous country of six million people that is the poorest in the western hemisphere.

The coup appeared to dash hopes for democracy promised by Namphy after popular unrest toppled the Duvalier family's 29-year dictatorship.

The general had led the three-man junta that ruled Haiti after Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier fled to exile in 1986. The junta stepped aside after Manigat was elected Jan. 17 in fraudulent balloting run by the military and boycotted by most Haitians.

When a rift occurred last week in the military, Manigat sided with a Lt. Col. Jean Paul, a powerful officer whom Namphy had tried to strip of his command. Manigat retired Namphy as military chief and placed him under house arrest, and Sunday tried to reassert more than 30 other officers.

But loyal soldiers freed Namphy Sunday and, after brief gun



Henry Namphy

and grenade battles, Haiti's 7,000-man army united solidly behind the 55-year-old career soldier. It was not known if there were casualties in the fighting.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said: "The United States government strongly condemns this serious blow to hopes for democracy in that troubled land."

She noted that Paul, who appeared on the platform with Namphy Monday when the general declared himself president, was indicted on drug-trafficking charges in the United States last March.

Pretoria predicts first black cabinet appointment

CAPE TOWN (R) — South Africa's first black cabinet minister could be appointed by the end of the year, ending 28 years of total black exclusion from central government, according to announcements in parliament.

President P.W. Botha defied right-wing pressure Monday and reaffirmed in a speech to parliament in Cape Town that he planned to appoint blacks to his cabinet.

Botha gave no timetable for the change first mooted in April. But he appeared to drop an earlier assurance that he would not go ahead without a specific mandate from white voters.

Information Minister Stoffel

van der Merwe told Reuters afterwards the first appointment would be possible from August, when a bill to change the constitution goes before parliament.

"After August it will be possible for black members to be brought into the cabinet," he said, adding that Botha would have the sole right to make the appointment.

Black leaders, including moderate Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, have said they will not cooperate with Botha's gradual apartheid reforms.

Most have set as minimum conditions the release of black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela from a 1964 life sentence for

sabotage and the return from exile of his outlawed African National Congress (ANC).

Mandela, who turns 70 next month, has refused government offers of release in exchange for his public repudiation of political violence.

Botha told white, Indian and mixed-race coloured legislators sitting together in a lavish new parliamentary hall he would press on with cautious apartheid reforms despite a right-wing backlash that already has cost his ruling National Party seats in the white House of Assembly.

Political commentators have suggested that a black could be put in charge of black education.



Royal letters reveal family feud

LONDON (R) — A British newspaper Monday published letters by the late Duke and Duchess of Windsor which reveal the bitterness of their 30-year feud with the royal family after he abdicated from the British throne. In the letters published by the Daily Mail, the duke refers to some of his relations as "a seedy, worn out bunch of old hags" and says of his dying mother: "I'm afraid her veins have always been as icy cold as they are in death." The duke scandalised Britain in 1936 when, as King Edward VIII, he was forced to abdicate to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson. The letters are also published in a book by Royal historian Michael Bloch, "The secret file of the Duke of Windsor," due out next month. Throughout their letters the duke and duchess used code names including "Cookie" for the queen mother, Shirley Temple for Queen Elizabeth II, and "Cry Baby" for Winston Churchill.

Chief Crow Dog prays for rain

CLYDE, Ohio (R) — Chief Crow Dog prayed and took a hot coal to his mouth as he conducted ancient American Indian rites to bring rain to the parched midwestern community of Clyde. Florist Clifford Doherty paid \$2,000 to bring the Sioux medicine man to Clyde in a bid to end a drought now in its third month. Almost half the community's 5,000 people turned up Monday to watch 49-year-old Crow Dog perform his ceremonies before a sacred fire. "He prayed before the fire, took a hot coal and carried it in his mouth to the east and west and north and south." Then the chief smoked his pipe, returned to the fire and put on sweet grass from Canada which he wafted with an eagle feather. In Clyde, meanwhile, Chief Crow Dog predicted rain for Wednesday or Thursday. So did a local weather forecaster.

Paris customs open 'mobile zoo'

PARIS (R) — Customs officers at a Paris airport were startled when they asked a young Frenchman to open his two cases — inside were 64 pythons, 20 turtles and a variety of rare lizards. A customs service spokesman said the 19-year-old, whom he declined to name, had concealed a "veritable mobile zoo" in the bags he was carrying on arrival from Mali Sunday. The haul, which would have fetched huge sums from reptile dealers, included 64 royal pythons, 17 Varanian lizards, 20 turtles, three Gabonese vipers and 20 grey lizards. The spokesman said all the creatures, classified as threatened species, had survived the journey and were now in a Paris zoo. The man was charged with illegally importing endangered species, he added.

Soviet, British dancers unite

LONDON (AP) — British ballet designers and technicians will join Soviet dancers in a first-time collaboration this summer for a tour by the Moscow classical ballet, promoters said. "It's an example of cultural glasnost — Russian for openness — at its best," Tony Barlow, publicist for the entertainment corporation, said Monday. Entertainment Corporation is bringing the company to tour six British cities. The Moscow company of 60 to 70 dancers, including some performers from the Bolshoi Ballet, will tour six weeks with Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," set for this tour in medieval times. Nearly 200 British stage staff and costumers will be involved. Sets, costumes and lighting are being designed by Britons.

Cher joins apartheid boycott

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Oscar-winning actress Cher, who once performed in South Africa, has promised never to do so again and has been taken off the U.N. register of those who have taken the stage in the racially segregated nation. Sotirios G. Mousouris, assistant secretary-general of the U.N. Centre Against Apartheid, disclosed that Cher recently joined the international cultural boycott of the white minority-governed black nation. Her name has been deleted from the list of more than 200 actors, artists, musicians and other cultural figures who have worked in South Africa since 1981. The fifth annual register will be published next month. Frank Sinatra, Tina Turner, Eartha Kitt and others were removed earlier this year.

Contras reject Ortega proposal

MANAGUA (AP) — Contra rebels Monday rejected a Sandinista government proposal to reopen peace talks, saying the offer was linked to Washington's consideration of military aid.

"Everytime the Americans talk of military aid, they (the Sandinistas) talk of negotiation," contra leader Roberto Ferrey said in a telephone interview from Costa Rica.

President Daniel Ortega called on the U.S.-backed rebels Sunday to hold a fifth round of talks before a temporary cease-fire expires at the end of June. He proposed that the meeting begin next Sunday.

The two sides have made little headway since they signed an agreement March 23 to seek a negotiated settlement to the almost 7-year war.

The contra rejection of talks next week did not rule out further negotiations. All of the meetings have been marked by haggling over dates and places.

A fragile truce agreed upon March 21 holds, but both sides claim violations.

"We aren't looking to renew the war, but we will defend ourselves," Ferrey said.

The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, which has supported the rebels since 1981, is considering whether to ask Congress for renewed military aid. Congressmen voted down such a request earlier this year.

The March 23 agreement bars the contras from receiving anything but humanitarian aid.

Talks between the leftist Sandinistas and the rebels are at an impasse over a timetable and democratic reforms.

During the last three-day meeting, the Sandinistas presented their most liberal proposal and howed to a rebel demand to grant democratic reforms and offer a time schedule.

The Sandinista plan also would have granted amnesty in steps, as outlined in the March 23 plan. Full disarmament would be completed by Oct. 10.

The contras said the government plan did not assure that the democratic measures would be enacted.

U.N. delegates seek disarmament consensus

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Delegates to the General Assembly's third special session on disarmament hope they will be able to adopt a final document without divisive voting that usually pits the United States against most of the developing world and socialist countries.

But the differences in objectives and approaches are enormous.

They include the priorities for nuclear and conventional disarmament, the urgency of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty and the role of the U.N. and multilateral negotiations. Also, there are the relationship between disarmament and development, and the banning of weapons from outer space.

These days the U.N. enclave is a magnet for peace marchers, chanting Buddhist monks, Nigerian "drummers of passion," Grandmothers against nuclear weapons, victims of Hiroshima, poets and blues-singers of the

nuclear age. But all the spinning of prayer wheels, scattering of flower petals, chanting of mantras, and singing of songs of meditation on the brotherhood of man have not harmonised discordant views on disarmament.

Here, in a month-long session ending this week, the 159 U.N. members are trying to devise a realistic agenda for peace and the superpower backdrop is positive: The thaw in U.S.-Soviet relations, the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan, the Moscow summit and the INF intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty on elimination of intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

The United States has made it clear that it will not reaffirm what it calls a sweeping and unrealistic U.N. disarmament document adopted 10 years ago. Last year the U.S. voted alone on most disarmament issues in the General Assembly.



Bruna Carolyn

Ex-CIA officer charged in Iran-contra case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) former station chief in Costa Rica was indicted Monday on charges he participated in an illegal conspiracy to arm the Nicaraguan rebels and lied to his superiors to keep the operation secret.

Joseph F. Fernandez, 51, also known as Tomas Castillo, was charged with helping former National Security Council aide Oliver L. North and arms dealer Richard V. Secord ship arms to the contras in 1986 when Congress had banned U.S. military assistance to the rebels.

The five-count indictment also charges that Fernandez obstructed the Iran-contra investigation conducted last year by a presidential commission headed by former Senator John Tower. It said he stated falsely that he did not know that North was involved in covert aid to the contras or that supplies Fernandez helped deliver included weapons and ammunition.

The indictment alleges that Fernandez oversaw construction of an airstrip in northern Costa Rica to help delivery of arms to the contras and encouraged rebel leaders to reopen the so-called southern front of Nicaragua's civil war with promises of military assistance.

He also is charged with lying to an official of the CIA's Central America task force and later the CIA's office of inspector general about the true nature of the airstrip.

Pentagon reviews inquiry into fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top defence department officials met to discuss whether to suspend deputies to the U.S. navy and air force secretaries and three other Pentagon officials implicated in a contracting investigation, officials said.

The officials, who insisted on anonymity, said a "high-level meeting" was held Monday afternoon to discuss whether the Pentagon employees should be suspended or moved to other jobs. The sources declined to say whether Defence Secretary Frank C. Carlucci sat in on the meeting, but said a final decision was expected after another meeting.

The meeting came less than a week after government investigators served 38 search warrants on defence contractors, military consultants and defence department officials in connection with possible bribery and fraud in alleged leaks of classified contracting information worth millions of dollars.

The probe is the latest controversy to rock Washington. It follows the Iran-contra arms-for-hostages scandal and the criminal investigation of Attorney General Edwin Meese III.

The U.S. attorney who is coordinating the investigation, Henry Hudson, said Monday that 270 subpoenas have been issued and that additional search warrants may be served.

In a Senate speech, Republican Senator Charles Grassley rebuked the Justice Department for halting 1985 testimony he said would have revealed how defence contractors and private consultants were illegally obtaining Pentagon weapons secrets.

Meese responded at a news conference that his department has prosecuted defence procurement cases vigorously and has never "had to be dragged into any indictment where the evidence is there."

Elsewhere, CBS news reported that three U.S.-congressmen — Representatives Thomas Downey, Andrew Ireland and Sam Stratton — were under scrutiny in the case, but that there was not enough evidence to make them targets of the investigation. CBS said it got its information from law enforcement sources it did not identify.

On other matters in connection with the probe, Meese refused to say whether former navy secretary John Lehman Jr. was under scrutiny in the investigation. Two of his former close aides, Melvin Paisley and retired Admiral James A. "Ace" Lyons have been implicated in the probe.

The court has appointed a psychologist to help the little girl with the transition in mid-July from the Turgemans' Hebrew-speaking home in Israel back to Curitiba, Brazil, where her natural mother lives. "The problem before us ... is one of the most difficult and most painful," Presiding Judge Menachem Eilon wrote in the court ruling. "The appellant has maternal feelings for her offspring; the respondents yearn for the child they have raised."

He asked the Turgemans "knowing how hard our decision is for them ... to display generosity of heart and make it as easy as possible for the child, whom they have so loved."

The Turgemans decided to adopt a baby after 15 years of

trying to have a child of their own. They were pleased to find their adopted brown-eyed, dark-haired daughter looked like them.

"I went through a lawyer, so I thought it would all be legal," said Turgeman.

The Turgemans, who flew to Brazil in the fall of 1986, believed the baby they received had been abandoned but never really got a clear story, the husband said.

He said they had no way of knowing the mother's signature on the papers, which were in Portuguese, had been forged.

"These last two years have been a great light to us, and when we found out that such evil has been done, it's a sorrow," Turgeman said. "But I can sleep quietly. I believed I was doing only good."

Despite the experience, Turgeman said the couple probably would try again to adopt. But he said he still believed the court ruling was not the best one for the child.

"At this point, we're her natural parents," he said. "She was the first light that came into our home, and she will always be a light in our hearts."

Students have been demonstrating since June 13 for the release of hundreds of colleagues jailed during March riots.

Bangkok-based diplomats said the authoritarian government of Burmese leader Ne Win was facing deeper discontent than at anytime since it came to power in 1962.

All classes at four branches of Rangoon University and its school of economics have been closed indefinitely. Authorities were sending home students from the provinces.

Burma shut all schools after riots between March 12-18 and they stayed closed until May 30. Witnesses said few students could be seen on the closed campuses Tuesday.

Student demonstrators had vowed to demonstrate peacefully until the government freed student detainees, started an inquiry into the March riots, readmitted expelled students to classes and allowed the setting up of student unions.

The government said two students were killed in the March disturbances.

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public to display self-restraint and healthy judgment," Voskanyan said.

"Our two peoples live next to each other and will continue to do so," he said, and recalled a similar appeal for calm four months ago by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Officials have reported 35 deaths since February in ethnic clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the worst civil strife reported in the modern Soviet state.

The two neighbouring Transcaucasian republics are locked in a tug-of-war over control of Nagorno-Karabakh, a predominantly Armenian region of Azerbaijan where the local council voted in February to join Armenia.

Voskanyan said the latest disturbances began Friday in Masis and a nearby village, Sayat Nova. Violence broke out again Saturday.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

3 killed, 2 wounded in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) — Three Sri Lankans were killed and two Indian soldiers injured Monday, military officials said. In the south, four gunmen shot dead the father of a suspected member of the People's Liberation Front (JVP), the Sinhalese Marxist group accused of killing supporters of the Indian-Sri Lankan pact to end a Tamil rebellion. A note saying: "It's because you're going around killing innocent people" was left on the body at Hakmana, in Matara district. In the north, Tamil rebels fired on a bus in Jaffna district, killing the driver and wounding a passenger. One rebel was killed by Indian soldiers during a search of four villages near Batticaloa in the east, which ended in the capture of nine guerrillas. In Trincomalee, an explosive device planted by guerrillas injured two Indian soldiers. The soldiers were among 52,000 sent by India to northern and eastern provinces to enforce the peace accord.

Six killed in Canada explosion

CHILLIWACK, British Columbia (AP) — Six people were killed and three injured Monday by an explosion during a training session at a Canadian forces base, military authorities said. The dead were second-year officer training cadets in the third day of a four-day training session on plastic explosives, said Lieutenant Colonel Graham Meharg, administrator of Canadian forces base Chilliwack, about 96 kilometres east of Vancouver. Meharg would say only that he believed the dead were both men and women. Two of the injured, all men, were taken to Chilliwack general hospital. The third suffered multiple fractures and was transferred to a Vancouver hospital, said Chilliwack spokeswoman Etta Richmond. The unit, consisting of 29 students, seven instructors and five support staff members, was engaged in "cratering" — using explosives to blow a hole in the ground — when a premature explosion occurred, Meharg said. He said there was no clue yet as to what went wrong. He said an investigation has begun.

Bangladesh students attack premier's wife

DHAKA (AP) — Hasna Mandud, wife of Prime Minister Maudud Ahmed, was assaulted by a group of anti-government students Monday and her car was set ablaze, witnesses said. She was not injured but her sari was torn in the scuffle, said the witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Mrs. Maudud, a parliament member of the ruling Jatiya Party, was attacked inside the Dhaka University campus when she went to attend the annual meeting of the university senate as a government nominee. The students set her car ablaze and beat up her chauffeur. A security guard also was attacked by the students when he tried to protect Mrs. Maudud, the witnesses said. An hour after the attack, about 50 students marched inside the campus, shouting anti-government slogans. Two homemade bombs exploded as they passed the vice-chancellor's office. No one was injured in the blasts, the witnesses said.

Troops raid Marcos supporters

MANILA (R) — Philippine troops have arrested seven ex-soldiers involved in an army plot to seize government buildings and broadcasting stations, the military said Tuesday. It said the seven were captured in a raid early Monday on a suburban Manila hideout of the "black forest command," a group of army mutineers accused of supporting ousted president Ferdinand Marcos. The military said the group was implicated in a raid on a military camp June 11 by masked gunmen who stole 25 guns during an unsuccessful attempt to free a jailed pro-Marcos colonel. An official military report said government troops seized several fragmentation grenades, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, and documents revealing the mutineers' plan to take over radio stations, television channels and government buildings. The mutinous group is headed by fugitive Army Major Reynaldo Cabañatan, who led a failed coup attempt in January 1987 in which about 300 troops simultaneously attacked military camps around Manila and occupied a television station for 60 hours.